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Church prepares for Jesus' 2000th birthday

Bert Witvoet

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — Vatican City is planning a huge evangelism program for the end of the twentieth century, but Catholics in Canada don't seem to know about it yet.

According to an EP News Service story, the Catholic Church wants "to give Jesus Christ a 2,000th birthday gift of a world more Christian than not." This birthday gift is to come about by a worldwide evangelism campaign that will begin in 1990.

The EP report gives no details about the nature of the worldwide crusade, but it does say that it will "culminate with a global satellite broadcast by the Pope on Christmas Day of the year 2000."

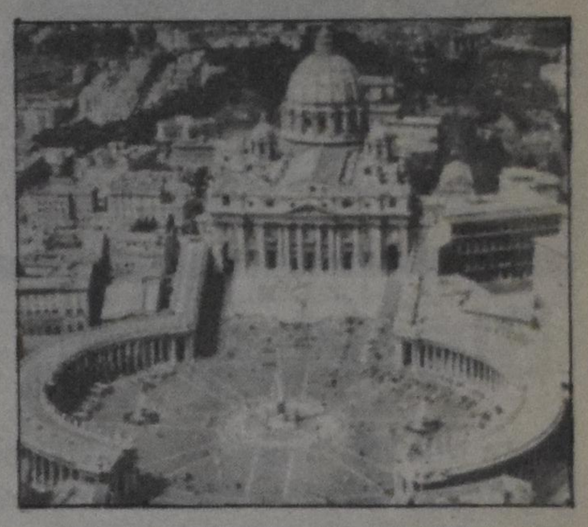
The News Editor of the Toronto-based *Catholic Register* told this reporter that she had not heard a thing about it. Similarly, a spokesperson at the Toronto Arch Diocese did not know that the Vatican was making plans for a special birthday present for Jesus.

The EP story quotes a director of the program called "Evangelization 2000" without naming him or her. Preparations for the campaign appear to be in the infant stage.

According to the director quoted by EP, the Pope's message on Christmas of the year 2000 will be beamed to local Roman Catholic missionaries by the use of small satellite dishes. The missionaries will be expected to translate the message into local language.

The aim of the program is to bring the world back to Christ.

Note: *At press time, Calvinist Contact reached the Vatican by telephone to obtain more details on the program. A woman's voice at the other end of the line informed this reporter that it was eight o'clock in the evening in Rome and that the news office was closed for the day. It seems that Jesus' birthday gift is getting off to a slow start. Even she had not heard of "Evangelization 2000."*



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Aerial view of St. Peter's, Vatican City.

Thinkbit

We can be grateful that English, even when misspoken, can be understood, as in the case of the foreigner explaining to his friend why he had no children by saying that his wife was "inconceivable." His meaning was understood, at least, after three tries.

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Christian College Coalition puts out new books

Marguerite Witvoet

GRAND RAPIDS, MI — A new set of books is in the works, to be used for students in Christian colleges as well as secular schools.

The books, developed by the Christian College Coalition, are not meant to be used as textbooks for college courses, but as "supplementary books," says Nicholas Wolterstorff, a Calvin College philosophy professor who is editor-in-chief of the project. "Their purpose is to invite young — or middle-aged, for that matter — Christians to ask the questions that a Christian ought to ask when studying the various disciplines."

Not only for experts

These questions need to be asked at the beginning of a program, he says, which is why the books are designed for first-year students, although they can be used at any level; "they are written without presupposing a lot of knowledge in the field."

Six books have been commissioned. The first, dealing with psychology, is to come out in late August of this year. Biology, literature, history, business and sociology will follow. "We tried to pick out the essential fields first, where there are controversies and important questions to be dealt with," says Wolterstorff, adding that they hope to expand into more fields later.

No pressure

However, he says, "there is no pressure to cover all disciplines. We started this project with the idea that these were to be first-class books. If we can't find someone qualified to write a book in a certain field, then we won't publish one." Although this means that "a range of colleges will feel that they're not getting much coverage," Wolterstorff maintains that it is unavoidable. "We will not compromise quality for coverage," he says.

The idea for the project originated three years ago when some members of the coalition were pressing for postsecondary textbooks with a Christian perspective. Most members, however, felt that the coalition was "not ready" to develop textbooks, so they decided to go with the present supplementary or "perspectival" books instead.

Authors are chosen from the various colleges within the coalition. Some are written by one person; others are a collaboration by several people noted for scholarship in their particular field.

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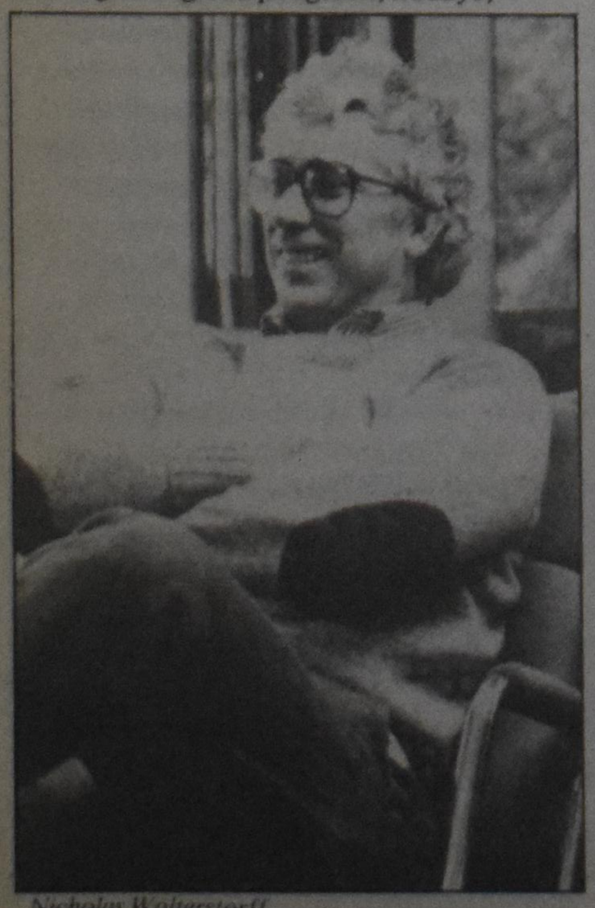

Nicholas Wolterstorff

Canadian youth to host international pro-life conference

Margaret Griffioen

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — Over 200 young people from around the world will meet in Niagara Falls this fall to attend the fourth annual International Youth Pro-Life Conference.

"Life Line to the Future" will feature over 20 speakers including: *Silent Scream* director Dr. Bernard Mathanson; Dr. Jack Wilki, author of *Abortion Questions and Answers* and president of the U.S. Right to Life organization; Anna Deselit, director of Alliance for Life (Canada); and Beverley Hadland, a Toronto educator and counsellor of women who have had abortions.

Workshops will be structured around main lectures dealing with topics such as fetology, in vitro fertilization, infanticide, euthanasia, youth organizing, political lobbying and fund-raising. The weekend will also feature entertainment and tours around the Niagara Falls area.

Canadian participation

Previous conferences have been held in Cologne, Dublin and Barcelona. Young Canadian pro-lifers were represented at last year's Barcelona conference by Canadian Youth Pro-Life Organization (CYPLO) president Patricia Armstrong and vice-president Debby Noonan.

During that conference, groups of demonstrators disrupted one of the sessions by shouting pro-abortion slogans and pounding the doors of the meeting room. Despite the disruption, International Youth Pro-Life Conference delegates succeeded in drafting an official declaration of their beliefs and objectives.

Delegates to the 1987 conference are expected from across Canada, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, Spain, Germany, France, England, Ireland and Africa.

The Youth Pro-Life Organization of Canada and its American counterpart will be hosting the international conference. This group, according to Noonan, assists local high schools and universities with organizing pro-life groups.

It provides these groups with a quarterly newsletter, printed material aimed at youth and helps them organize events, speakers and films in their area. Noonan stresses that the organization is non-political. "Political activities are the choice of individual groups."

The organization was established in 1975, but membership is difficult to calculate, says Noonan, as groups constantly receive new members and lose others to graduation. Currently, CYPLO has a mailing list of 250 groups and individuals. The majority of members are Christians and many go on to join "adult" pro-life groups.

Although the organization has not had a high profile in the past, "we have been gaining more recognition in the last year or so," said Noonan. CYPLO are also optimistic that their hosting of the 1987 conference will lead to greater national and international recognition.

The cost of the conference is $100, which includes meals, accommodation and all conference activities. More information and registration can be obtained by writing Debby Noonan, 681 Aylmer St., Peterborough, ON K9H 3X5. Telephone: (705) 745-5349.

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Editorial

Blackballing America's corporations

In the fall of last year, a 500-page guide to the social responsibility of large American corporations was published by the Council on Economic Priorities. It's called *Rating America's Corporate Conscience*, "a provocative guide to the companies behind the products you buy every day." (See also Margaret Griffioen's feature on page 11)

And a provocative guide it is. The paperback volume offers information that helps the consumer cast an economic vote on how large companies perform. If they don't have enough women on the board of directors, one can find that out from a chart in the book, and boycott the product. If the companies are not generous enough in giving to charitable organizations, that's a strike against them and reason enough to switch to another brand. If the companies have accepted nuclear or even conventional arms contracts, their products are to be avoided.

Corporate responsibility

All of this is part of a growing trend to judge companies not by the value of their goods and services, not even by the price they seek for their products, but by the social conscience they display. Well it's about time, one might say, that giant corporations are called to account.

To be sure, large corporations do business, hire personnel, use technology, treat the environment according to a set of guidelines that together serve the profit motive. And experience has taught us that this kind of policy, though it has some built-in safeguards (you cannot expect profit if you produce an inferior product, if you have constant labour unrest, if you overcharge), will do harm. Corporations need to develop a social conscience.

The claim in the book that consumers are now influenced in their buying by "slick advertising that creates distinctions that are artificial, trivial, or just plain meaningless" carries some weight. Would you rather be influenced in your buying by a "ring around the collar" than by a ring of PCBs around your backyard?

Critical flaws

But is publishing a guide with profiles and charts on 130 dominant companies the best way to promote corporate responsibility? We don't think so.

A question that almost immediately arises is, who decides the criteria for the social conscience? From the list mentioned in the book, we may deduce a typically left-wing agenda — the rights of women, workers and minorities; opposition to white South Africa, nuclear arms and even conventional arms; size of charitable donations and the willingness of companies to make disclosures to the self-appointed Council on Economic Priorities. What about concerns like quality of advertising, working conditions, contracts with abortion clinics and pornographic publishers, company programs for smokers, drug addicts and alcoholics, investment opportunities, efficiency of service and quality of product?

Another thought — this kind of guide may well create a hypocritical society. The minute we resort to checklists, we promote legalism and judgmentalism. Checklists don't build social consciences; they merely force corporations to fall in line according to minimum requirements, and they fool the public into thinking that social responsibility can be reduced to a few externals. How fair is it to judge one company's performance in a given area against another's? Internal requirements and external circumstances may differ so widely that performances have to be dissimilar. A guide will never account for these complexities.

And what defence does a company have against a selective listing of their strengths and weaknesses, against an incomplete profile? Isn't half the truth still a lie? Yet, no one has ever successfully sued anyone for having presented only part of the truth or some of the facts.

Better alternatives

One may wish to argue that the book depends entirely on voluntary application of the information given by the charts. No person is forced to follow the guidelines and no company is forced to comply. Fair enough. This editorial is not denying the right of any group to publish any sort of guide for corporate social responsibility. What we wish to do is comment on the desirability of following simplistic and left-wing oriented profiles of large corporations (right-wing oriented profiles are equally objectionable).

We believe that the better way to keep corporations honest is to pass protective laws and to maintain vigorous but fair unions. In fact, unions should be much more involved in non-monetary issues. They are the ones who could most effectively keep companies honest, provided they were willing to help pay the price for corporate responsibility.

And if this world would really bite the bullet, it would pass laws that restricted the size of corporations so that each one could be held accountable by a national government. But that is like dreaming that General Motors is willing to build only scooters. So there are problems for which there are no solutions, given the kind of world we live in. If more lobbyists would realize that, they would not waste pulp made from mature trees to pollute society with self-righteous codes. That's two negative checkmarks on our chart of social responsibility for economic watchdogs.

Our final recommendation — boycott the guide.

BW

Letters

Not happy with Calvinist flag

My response to your editorial: "Happy with your labels?" (Apr. 17) is: No, I am not happy with my label.

Some time ago, I was on an Indian reserve where I met an Indian in full costume. I introduced myself as a Calvinist. He was not impressed. He was insulted that I saw him as an Indian instead of as a North American.

He told me of the days when North Americans inhabited the land from coast to coast, from the North to the South. "But look at us now," he said. "If you were to take a map of North America today, little dots would tell you where our reserves are today."

At this point he walked away with his head held high. Calvinists had failed these people.

Later on I went to the west coast of Canada. I spoke to several Canadians of Japanese origin. They told me they were not impressed with any church label, considering what had happened to them during the Second World War.

My journey continued to the east coast of the U.S.A. I asked a black man about the history of his people. He showed me an old slave market; poles with rings still standing. He described the dismal scene of African blacks packed in slave ships like herrings. At a slave sale, families were separated. Heart-breaking screams still linger in the air.

Since 1623, when the Dutch triumphantly emerged as the dominant power in Indonesia, the Calvinist label has been showing. Yet, Calvin did not come up with the idea that a government should be aggressive and conquer part of the world. In all his books based on the Bible he would never have agreed with the Dutch government's decision to send out warships to create a New Amsterdam.

As for myself, I have to admit that the Calvinist flag on my ship does not hide the Reformed load it is carrying.

K. Mazereeuw,
Mississauga, Ontario

Fellow delegate responds

I find your articles [on Libya] enlightened, although I also see a Western bias expressing itself which is to be expected, of course. The religious perspective to me seems exclusive in that it assumes a superior moral stance in

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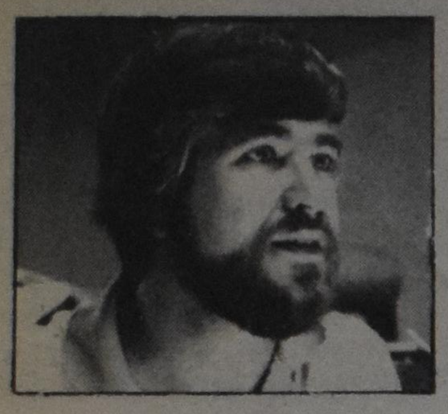

"It is a thing of no great difficulty to raise objections against another man's oration — nay, it is a very easy matter; but to produce a better in its place is a work extremely troublesome."
(Plutarch, *Of Hearing*, 6)

There are people in the world who are constantly against things, or, at the very least, see a dangerous side to almost anything that is proposed. I remember once, yeas ago, when we were going to start a man's breakfast program. Someone called me and said, "My wife and I want you to know that we're against breakfast." When I quickly pointed out to him that he didn't have to come if he didn't want to, he seemed vaguely disappointed and reluctantly hung up without having gotten into the argument he had hoped for.

One area where you constantly see people shaking their heads is in politics. It is virtually unheard of for one party to agree with or applaud anything that some other party proposes. These proposals are *always* said to be "inadequate," "another example of the short-sightedness of the present government," or at the very least "not far-reaching enough."

Another prime example of negativism can be found every season at bargaining tables across the nation as labour contracts are renewed. Neither side will ever greet proposals from the other side of the table with glad shouts of joy, or, overcome with emotion, silently shake hands while tears run down their cheeks. Rather, they make everyone else in the nation weep as they slug it out, clause by clause. And the rhetoric is as familiar as it is tiresome, more ritualistic than real.

An adversary mentality surely must be an affliction, both for the persons who suffer from it (how can they ever be happy?), and for all those who have to suffer through their tiresome tirades (how can they find the required patience?).

What an art to listen to someone else and pick up on the good points. What an exercise in encouragement to build on the positive, and in an appreciative manner contribute of your own insights to make good points better still. How often does a speaker at a public meeting begin his or her remarks with the words: "I really appreciated that previous speakers sensitivity to ...." or, "That was a fine point that you raised; it really made us think ...."

Graciousness is an art. Openness to other people is an art. Making positive contributions is an art. But where better learned than at home, in the household of faith? For doesn't the Bible teach us to have a new mindset, a new approach? And what a far cry from an adversary mindset:

> "Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: Think about these things!"
>
> (Philippians 4:8)

Herman Praamsma is pastor of the Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in Rexdale, Ontario.

Letters

spite of the actions of the Christian states. However, I am aware that there are differentiations amongst the Christian community.

Eibie Weizfeld,
Montreal, Quebec

C.C. utterly offensive

Your viciously anti-American editorial of May 1, 1987 (entitled "American Crime Over Tripoli") does a distinct disservice to the Reformed community by its tacit endorsement of the Libyan dictator Gadhafi and the terrorist state he has created in Libya.

The sentiments of that editorial are that of the policy of appeasement pursued by western European democracies when faced by another dictator, Adolf Hitler. We do well to remember that such appeasement led directly to aggression and war.

Since *Calvinist Contact* now offers appeasement as editorial policy and attacks America at every opportunity, I do not intend to renew my subscription. Your paper has become utterly offensive.

Rev. Gregg V. Martin
Rexdale, Ontario

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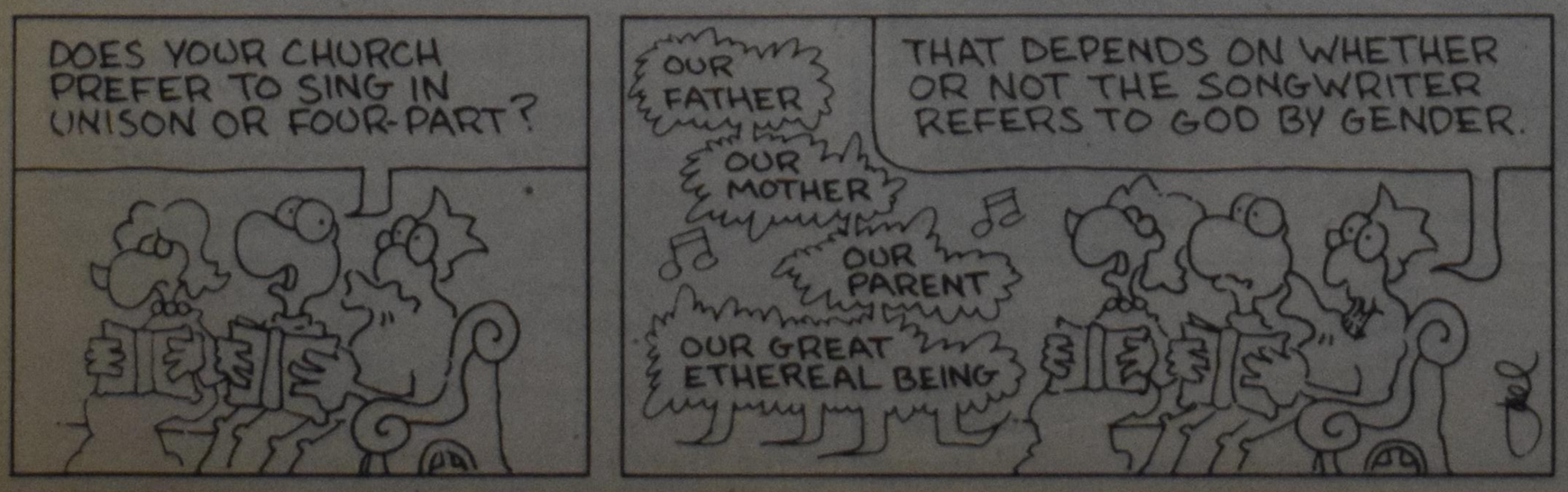
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Longer Letter

Too kind to Gadhafi, too hard on U.S.

Your editorial plus the subsequent articles you published on Libya and its ruler, Moammar Gadhafi, warrant, it seems to me, a response.

While it is quite clear that you have refused to swallow the Libyan propaganda, the tenor of the articles plus some of the conclusions indicate nevertheless that you misjudge colonel Gadhafi as well as last year's American air attack on his residence in Tripoli.

Wave of terror

Those who have followed Gadhafi's career since he grabbed power 18 years ago know that we are dealing here with one of the most dangerous madmen the world has ever seen. Gadhafi has spawned a wave of international terrorism and has openly boasted about it. During the last 10 years alone his hit squads have killed some 120 Libyans in exile, many of them living in Western nations. He has resorted to hostage taking of French, British, American and West German nationals in Libya to obtain the release of some of his henchmen who had been arrested in the West for terrorist crimes.

In March 1984, a series of bombings in Britain injured 26 people. (Five Libyan agents were subsequently arrested, tried and convicted.) A month later, a British policewoman, who maintained public order during an anti-Gadhafi demonstration in front of the Libyan embassy in London, was shot and killed by one of Gadhafi's thugs inside the embassy.

In November 1984, a Libyan murder squad secretly set out to "liquidate" Mr. Abdel Hamid Bakkoush, former Libyan prime minister who lived as an exile in Egypt. Fortunately, Egyptian security forces had gotten wind of the operation and the assassination attempt was foiled. But to draw out Gadhafi, the Egyptians announced that the attack had been successful and they even produced fake pictures of the "dead" body of Bakkoush. The ruse worked, for the next day colonel Gadhafi crowed on the radio that justice had been meted out to "that stray dog Bakkoush," and that other Libyan exiles would not escape a similar death no matter where they sought refuge.

No benevolent ruler

Mr. Gadhafi has been fomenting revolutions in Morocco (helping the Polisarios), Tunisia, Chad and Sudan. He has given weapons and refuge to Palestinian terrorists (the Achillo Lauro hijackers and murderers were on their way to Libya when their plane was diverted to Malta by U.S. aircraft) and he has instituted a reign of terror at home.

Charges of treasonable activities (which cover any information or help to any group that Gadhafi considers as hostile) are referred to a "people's court" which does not have to follow any formal or normal legal procedures. Local people's congresses also pronounce death sentences, often without even a pretence of a trial. In June 1985, eight public executions of political prisoners took place in Tripoli with members of the people's congresses serving as hangmen.

Libya's embassies were renamed "people's bureaux," and Gadhafi personally launched a campaign in 1980 for the "physical liquidation" of Libyan dissidents abroad.

I find it incredible that Gary Timmerman speaks of Gadhafi as a benevolent ruler toward his people.

American raid justified

As to the American attack on Gadhafi's home last year, I see no reason why Western nations would not be justified in trying to eliminate a self-professed international terrorist, especially one whose authority at home rests on naked terror. To compare the air attack in Gadhafi's home with the Holocaust is nothing less than obscene and an awful insult to the Jews. (I realize, Mr. Editor, that you did not make that comparison; but it bothers me a bit that you did not refute it either.)

Why is it that we condemn an attempt to kill an extremely dangerous thug who is the source of much international banditry and has killed countless innocent people at home and abroad, at the same time venerate the Rev. Dietrich Bonhoeffer who lost his life because he was involved in a plot to kill another international criminal, i.e., Adolf Hitler?

This letter is already on the lengthy side, so I should stop. But I cannot help urging you to rethink your position on what the free world's response must be to the international gangsterism in which colonel Gadhafi plays such a prominent role.

Ed Vanderkloet,
Rexdale, Ontario

Editor's reply

It's so good to hear from you again, Ed, after having received some worrisome reports about your health. In a separate letter sent out to various friends, you inform us about the state of your health, and I hope you don't mind if I share this with our readers. Many of them will want to know how you are doing. (See box on page 4.)

I have prayed on your behalf before and will do so again. I will, of course, pull no punches as I attempt to respond to your letter to the editor. "Praise the Lord, and pass the ammunition."

There are basically two accusations in your letter that I want to address: one is that I have misjudged Gadhafi and the second one is that I have misjudged the American air attack on his residence.

A complex picture

As far as Gadhafi is concerned, let me say first of all that I did say in my editorial that Libya (this includes Gadhafi) is no innocent player and that it has been involved in terrorism. This is a known fact which hardly needs emphasis in the West. At the same time,

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News

Too kind to Gadhafi, too hard on U.S. Editor's reply

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we should acknowledge that Gadhafi has been accused of acts of terrorism of which he was not guilty. The bombing of the West German discotheque, which was the occasion for the bombing of Libya, is a case in point.

Other qualifying statements need to be made. Gadhafi could have been an Idi Amin. He could have killed his people indiscriminately and have hoarded wealth to himself. But he has not done this. Instead, he has earnestly tried to improve the lot of his people.

Should we not give credit where it is due? When Gadhafi did get involved in assassinations and executions, it was often in response to political opposition which threatened his own life. He has had to face dozens of attempts to overthrow his government and attempts at his own life. The Middle East situation is no Sunday school picnic.

When Gadhafi dealt with those who sought to overthrow his government in the first years of his regime (of course, his own government was the result of an overthrow of King Idris' regime) Gadhafi was lenient. As a result of his leniency, crowds in Tripoli rioted. The people wanted more severe punishment for the plotters. In response, some death sentences were handed out, but not carried out.

Eventually, this reluctance to kill his compatriots gave way to the realization that if Gadhafi and his associates were to stay in power, they had to resort to more drastic measures. By 1980, they were so concerned about opposition at home and abroad that they called for the liquidation of opponents. Four months later, Gadhafi called on the revolutionary committees to stop the killings, but the committees decided they would continue them. What these episodes show is that Gadhafi as a person cannot always be held responsible for the violence that emerged out of Libya.

Black and white world

Which brings me to an editorial I read in the Jan. 29, 1986, issue of *Christian Century*. James M. Wall concludes in his editorial that the media fulfils a certain need it has when it portrays Moammar Gadhafi as a villain. The media is personality-oriented and wants to treat news as entertainment. It wants to feed easy-to-digest bits of information about prominent figures.

And then Wall quotes a *New Yorker* essay by Frances Fitzgerald in what I think is the most penetrating critique of this tendency to look for heroes and villains:

"This desire to cast all events in win-lose terms is derived from an ancient theological heresy, Manichaeanism — the belief that the world is divided into two contending realms, one good, the other evil ... Backers of the Reagan foreign policy employ a form of Manichaeanism by seeing evil each time a foreign government leans toward Moscow. At the same time, staunch opponents of Mr. Reagan on the far left find it easy to identify Washington as the source of evil, often elevating Marxist states through a bit of strained logic to the status of 'good empire.'"

It's this simplistic view of evil people and good people, evil nations and good nations that I seek to avoid. To say that Gadhafi is absolutely evil is giving credence to the Manichaeanism heresy. According to Western media, Gadhafi is a madman. (The Moscow and Muslim press does the same with Reagan.) I think Gadhafi has a fanatical, hateful side to him, but he is more than that. Above all, I fully agree with Wall's final statement: "Colonel Gadhafi is only the most recent opponent to fill the role of villain. He performs his role well and, in Mr. Reagan's term, is just 'flaky' enough to make good copy. Meanwhile the root causes of terrorism and the danger of worldwide conflict are bumped to the back pages." I recall writing something similar about getting to the bottom of the real problems in the Middle East.

About assassinations

As for your second statement about eliminating this man — there may indeed come times when an assassination is desirable. But the United States has declared it illegal to assassinate heads of state. So, that route is no longer open to them. Besides, bombing a house is not the same as sending an assassination squad.

If the United States had limited itself to bombing strategic places in Libya in retaliation for proven acts of terrorism against its own people, then I can sympathize. But Acts of terrorism in *London* and liquidation orders against *Libyans in Egypt* do not justify an *American* raid over Libya. It's my opinion that by bombing Gadhafi's house, Reagan crawled into the gutter with Gadhafi. And I can say that without reducing either Reagan or Gadhafi to the status of mere villains.

Please join me, Ed, in trying to avoid the heresy of Manichaeanism as we comment on world affairs.

Bert Witvoet

Coalition puts out new books

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Show all sides

When asked whether problems might arise from differences of perspective between denominations, Wolterstorff replied, "we decided that the best thing is to be open about that." He says that in discussing issues where there is controversy among scholars, the books will attempt to show all sides of the debate and leave some room for individual students to come up with their own answers.

This doesn't mean that no answers are given in the books. "We tell the authors not to conceal their own views," Wolterstorff says. "We don't want to come across as whimpy or indecisive."

At the same time, he says, the authors are told "to be fair to other views." When the final draft of a book is finished, a week-long conference is held, in which fellow scholars from the different schools in the coalition can give their input before the book is published. "It takes a lot of inner serenity and security on the part of the author to handle seventy-some critics attacking your book!," Wolterstorff laughs.

Wide distribution

The books, paperback and about 150 pages long, will be distributed at three levels. The seventy-odd schools in the coalition, which includes colleges in the U.S. and Canada, will receive and use copies of the books. Other Christian colleges not in the coalition will also be encouraged to use the series. Finally, state universities will have the books available to them.

Wide distribution was the reason Harper Row was chosen over smaller Christian publishing companies. "With Harper Row, we have access to Christian colleges and also to the bigger secular world," Wolterstorff explains. Row publishes a catalogue of their books and sends it to professors, departments and bookstores at universities, as well as regular bookstores in cities all over the country.

This opens the door for professors at secular universities who may include the books in their class reading list, or students who may come across a book in their local or university bookstore and buy it for their own personal benefit.

Damsel wanted: distress optional

COSTA MESA, Calif. (EP) — Tired of dating? Too busy with ministry and career to find a mate through traditional channels? Try sending a "Damsel Wanted; Distress Optional" advertisement out to the evangelical community. Freelance writer James Rutz did and has received over 100 letters of response.

Rutz's full-page advertisement for a life-partner was published in a Christian magazine with 45,000 circulation and was also mailed as a flyer to every organization on the membership list of the National Association of Evangelicals.

"I've had about 100 replies so far, and it looks like it will top out at about 130," says Rutz, a writer who has served as consultant to secular firms and Christian ministries such as World Vision, Wycliffe and Youth for Christ. "There are a number that look very good, about one out of eight look promising enough to at least follow up on positively. When you get over 100 responses that still leaves you plenty of gals to correspond with."

The humorous advertisement included a photo of Rutz dressed in shining armor, and read: "Gallant gentleman, undaunted by dragons, in quest of hand of fair lady. Enchanting opportunity for virtuous maiden devoutly desirous of rescue and living happily ever after."

Rutz says, "Some people sent in pictures of frogs, saying, 'I'm waiting for my handsome prince to come along. Is it you?'" He adds, "I've received two or three crank letters ... one had a two-word message: 'You idiot.'"

Rutz did not describe himself as an idiot on the flyer. He did say that he was evangelical in theology, to the right of Genghis Khan politically, and domestically compatible: "You sweep the drawbridge, I'll drain the moat."

Rutz explains, "Dating is not a particularly scriptural institution. Dating as it's practised today is not something you'd look at and say, 'This is God's plan for society.' There are lots of problems."

Young adults need to grow up

(MCC) — After interviewing hundreds of Americans in their 20s, Susan Littwin has written a book describing them as *The Postponed Generation* — incapable of growing up, of having meaningful work or committed relationships, of being part of a community or of assuming responsibility. She blames the problem on excessive expectations, the belief that they have infinite choices and can find perfection, diminished opportunities, confusion over sex roles and family life and the confusion of changing values. She suggests two solutions to young adults to help them grow up: a liberal arts education and paying more attention to what is going on in the world.

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Pressreview

Carl D. Tuyl

Respectability has struck the NDP like measles strikes a kindergarten class. Of course, dignity is death for socialism. No longer do we hear the fiery orations in which the longing for the proletarian paradise touches the hope of human hearts. Instead — oh the bitterness of betrayal — an NDP member rises in the House of Commons to demand that Imperial Oil be given a crack at purchasing the Dome Petroleum Company. Something is wrong! We now have three political parties who in their hunger for popularity are indistinguishable. Broadbent, Turner and Mulroney are interchangeable, like nuts on the wheel of an automobile.

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Our government spent a couple of million dollars on a study that aimed to improve the unemployment insurance plan. The study showed great possibilities for re-organization, but it was shelved because its implementation would lose votes for the reigning party. In a burst of eloquence Employment Minister Benoit Bouchard interpreted the government's refusal to follow the study report as follows: "We're not doing nothing." A fine example of ministerial articulation of policy!

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Both Turner as well as Mulroney keep having trouble in their caucus with rebellious members. The time of "follow the leader" is past not only in the church but also in politics. Even the Quebec NDP wing is sore about Broadbent's pussyfooting around the constitutional accord.

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Finance Minister Michael Wilson keeps refining his proposal for tax reforms, which is scheduled to be tabled in the House on June 18. The event is featured as the great closure of loopholes. Thousands of tax-specialists stand ready to start the hunt for new openings with which they can save their clients money.

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His Retired Majesty spoke to the business community in Toronto, and the press hungry for his oracular homilies followed him like dogs searching for kibbles. They did not get much; just questions and cool reservations in regards to the Meech accord and the free trade negotiations. By the way, rumours have it that the Yankees want to include investments in the negotiations. Wake up Broadbent! Quit counting noses, and man the barricades with the red ensign in your fist.

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VIA RIAL is not getting $400-million for new equipment. Instead, its aging passenger cars will be refurbished. Transport Minister John Crosbie said, speaking about the plan to purchase new cars: "The cost of those cars is considerably in excess of what had been anticipated." It seems to me that I have heard those very same words from my wife after her weekly visit to the grocery store.

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Some things will never change. Canada Post may be on strike this summer. The letter carriers are making threatening noises, but all postal unions are currently seeking new contracts. They are determined to drag the nineteenth century into the twenty-first.

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The Iron Lady of England is on the campaign trail with tough proposals. She wants to buy more nuclear arms, but, of course, like any politician, she promises reduction in taxes. It shows you what Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher thinks about the elimination of nuclear arms in Europe. I'll buy my own! West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, whose slogan during his period in power has been, "peace with ever fewer weapons" has to deal with the opposition against nuclear disarmament in his coalition government. It will be difficult for him to find a suitable compromise. Moscow is now trying to include the Asian weaponry in the arms negotiations.

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The current status of the Geneva talks is that the Soviet Union is offering to dismantle its SS-20s in exchange for U.S. withdrawal of Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Europe. In addition, the Soviets are willing to overlook the comparable French and British weapons.

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The government of Israel suffers from schizophrenia. Its Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is actively pursuing an international Middle East peace conference, while Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at the same time is speaking against such a conference. Will the real government please stand up?

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Also please, the real government of Fiji? Fiji is a country of which I know nothing but that it is a place to refuel planes on their way to Australia. I cannot remember geography lessons on Fiji. In my schooldays we concentrated more on places where the trains, which do not run anymore, used to stop: Groningen, Bedum, Stedum, Appingedam, Delfzijl, stuff like that. And if you missed one, the teacher would hit you on the knuckles with his pointerstick. Corrective therapy was another specialty of my teachers: it consisted of a swift kick in the lower part of the anatomy. It had an almost 100 per cent success rate.

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July 11 will be the day when the world will receive its five-billionth inhabitant. It is getting crowded here folks. In London, Dr. Nafis Sadik, director of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities stressed the need for nations to reduce population growth. Fat chance!

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The world keeps clamouring for news from Jimmy and Tammy. C.C. will not satisfy this desire any longer. We record here the very last item, to then forever hold our peace: Tammy will become a mascara saleswoman, and Jimmy will start working for Bakervan's Bookhouse as pagecounter. That's it folks. No more. Off they go into the sinking sun of obscurity.

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And we conclude this week with an ecumenical puzzle. Presbyterians are just like Christian Reformed people, but by reason of some perversity of mind, they insist that they are not Christian Reformed. This puzzle, unlike many others, can be used vice versa. And it goes to show you that life even in the church is not all blueberries with whipped cream.

Carl Tuyl is pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in Kingston, Ontario.

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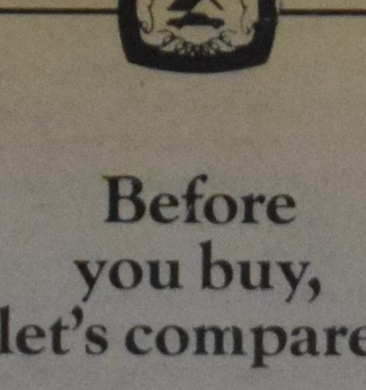

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Pastoral Pondering

De!iverance for all people

Bill VandenBerg

The purpose of much Christian writing is so that believers may grow and be encouraged in their faith. It is beautiful and very supportive for me to know that the deliverance Jesus Christ provided by His death on Golgotha's cross was also for me.

Often I am at a loss how to persuade others who desperately need to know this. I seem to be unable to get through to them.

I can think of so many who need to be set free: children of believers who have walked away from the fellowship, other relatives who have not been set free. Then there are friends, neighbours, co-workers, as well as the many nations and peoples where we send our missionaries with the message of deliverance in Jesus Christ.

Right now, when I am writing these words, my heart aches for all who have not yet heard the Good News.

For me that Good News means that:

- I am no longer alone
- I am no longer in bondage
- I am no longer defeated
- I am no longer crushed
- I am no longer empty
- I am no longer aimless
- I have a new direction in my life that is renewed and refreshed every day.

I can see that beyond myself, there exist many more that our Lord Jesus is anxious, ready, willing and able to care for! Fellow human beings who have difficulties in the areas of chemical dependence; various abuses — physical, sexual or mental; depression; unpleasant and unholy urges; but also the supposedly not quite so very bad characteristics of:

- a short temper
- a critical spirit
- a negative attitude
- a pessimistic outlook
- a hopeless feeling, as well as,
- anything else that may stand in the way of being a joyful, peaceful and loving follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me assure you: there *is* an answer. It is to be found in Jesus our Lord! God's Word will tell and teach me all I need to know.

But now I still have a problem: How will I get this message through to those who need to hear it? to those who do not want to listen? What do I do or say to those whose hearts are hardened? I know: I can pray and ask God to clear the way and provide opportunities of contact and example. And so I pray:

Heavenly Father have mercy on me, a sinner. Cleanse and renew me and put a right spirit within me. Lead me to your children who need to hear and see the message of comfort and deliverance and please open their eyes, their ears and their hearts so that they may receive your offer in Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Bill VandenBerg is pastor of First Reformed Church, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Communicating Christ through a culture's art

Mary Lou Totten

Do Christians need more creative ways to evangelize the world?

Mary Lou Totten, co-founder of FACE (Fellowship of Artists for Cultural Communication), asks the following questions to assist Christians in using local art forms to share Christ.

Do any of the art forms in the culture convey any Christian principles that may already exist in that culture?

2. Is there an art form that reveals a deep need of the people and could that form be used to show how Christ can fulfil that need?

3. Can a local proverb be visualized or dramatized using a local art form, and then related to Christ?

4. Can a metaphor, proverb or truth in the Bible be "re-clothed" in indigenous expressions, keeping the core message equivalent?

5. Have government agencies used the arts to teach health or farming methods? Can similar methods be used to communicate Christ?

6. Should Christian worship involve some form other than a single individual preaching to a group? What methods did they use to announce important news, or to teach the young or the newcomer?

7. What arts or ceremonies would help to make their new-found life in Christ become a part of everyday life? What forms kept their former belief system in their everyday lives?

8. What needs to be done to direct the new Christian community to create their own, biblical expressions for worship and then for evangelism?

9. Could Christians become teachers of appropriate technology (e.g., better health care) and also include the message of Christ in their communication?

10. Are there special needs of second and third generation Christians that could be met by composing new forms of worship?

Reprinted from World Evangelization.

Spirituality is theme of family conference

TORONTO, Ont. (ICS) — Reserve the weekend of July 31 through Aug. 3 for the annual Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) Niagara Family Conference!

The conference, entitled "To be Near God," will centre around the theme of spirituality with keynote speaker Rev. Derk Pierik, campus chaplain for the Christian Reformed Church at the University of Toronto.

Niagara Christian College campus, near Fort Erie, Ont., will again serve as the conference location, and those who attend will have the choice of camping or lodging in one of the dormitories.

Workshop leaders include ICS professors Bill Rowe and Jim Olthuis, Redeemer College professor Al Wolters, Rev. John Vissers, Peter Moore, Wendy Helleman, Bob Sweetman and Christel Vonk-Zeyl. Music leaders will be Cal Langejans and Henry Westendorp.

Rev. Henry Lunshof will lead the Sunday morning worship service and the vesper service will be led by Rev. Vissers. Rev. Herman Praamsma will serve as chairman of the conference.

Conference co-ordinators Aukje Masselink and Nicholas Terpstra remind everyone that there will also be an extensive children's program, book sales, Third World crafts and sports with Peter Buisman.

Lightning strikes Brampton church

Firemen pour water through the roof of the church half an hour after it was hit by lightning.

Margaret Griffioen

BRAMPTON, Ont. — After several relatively dry weeks in south-central Ontario, heavy rains and thunder storms hit the area on May 14. As the storm worked its course, one bolt of lightning struck the steeple of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church.

The steeple exploded, according to pastor Tony Vanden Ende, and fire spread to the roof and ceiling areas. Quick action by the local fire department saved the building, but extensive smoke and water damage was done to the auditorium, organ and educational facilities. Damage is estimated (unofficially by the fire department) at $200,000. The building was insured.

Vanden Ende says it is impossible to determine when the congregation of 176 families will be able to use the building again, as inspections are still being carried out. The congregation currently worships at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 9 a.m.

"Immanuel is gratefully receiving hospitality from Second Christian Reformed Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Grace United Church," said Vanden Ende.

Until the building is restored, the pastors can be reached at their homes. Pastor Jake Kuipers: (416) 451-2222. Pastor Tony Vanden Ende: (416) 458-4674.

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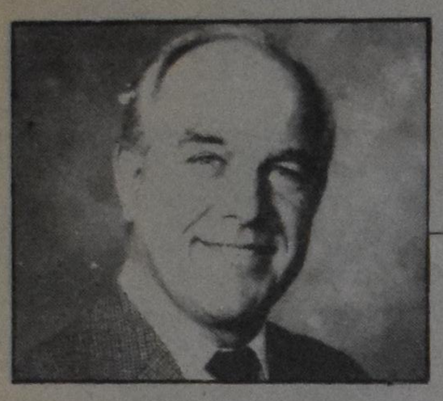

Canadian church scene

Jacob Kuntz

Canada negligent in treatment of children and Indians

Appreciative of Epp

The minister of health and welfare in Ottawa, Mr. Jake Epp, who is in the news quite often because of his outspoken views and actions, undoubtedly receives many letters in which he is criticized for his "conservative" ideas. Recently he also received two public letters of appreciation and support for his views on the matter of day care.

One letter came from the A.R.P.A., the Association for Reformed Political Action, and was published in *Perspective* of March '87. They wrote Mr. Epp as follows:

Dear Mr. Epp,

As members of the Association for Reformed Political Action Ancaster/ Hamilton, we wish to express our appreciation of and support for your views, recently expressed, on the role of parents in the raising of children, and on the issue of universal day care.

The Association consists of members of the Canadian Reformed Churches in Ancaster and Hamilton, and has as its objective the furtherance of a biblical political viewpoint.

It is our opinion that day care assistance should be extended to those who really need it. Universal day care, however, promotes the collapse of the family as the nucleus of our society by stimulating parents to allow the government to usurp part of their parental responsibilities. In addition, the funding of universal day care would be an unjust burden on those of us who support traditional Christian family values by depending on a single income.

Our opinion is founded on the Bible, the infallible Word of God, which implicitly and explicitly teaches us in many ways the importance of the role of parents in the upbringing of their children. Traditionally, our society has supported this principle, but over the last decades government has increasingly appropriated parental responsibilities. This development, prompted by the increased secularization of our society, is to be regretted as we are convinced that the preservation of Christian values in a society is beneficial to all members in that society.

We hope and pray that you will continue your efforts to moderate this secular trend and to promote the family as the nucleus of our society.

Thousands are supportive

The other letter was written by Dr. John H. Redekop and was published in the *Mennonite Brethren Herald* of Mar. 20, 1987. We will print part of it:

I am writing to thank you for standing up for decency, dignity and righteousness on several important issues. Because you are criticized a lot in the media for expressing your views, you need to hear from those who agree with you. If we don't write, you might think that hardly anyone supports you. Take heart and don't hesitate to speak up on those issues. Hundreds of thousands, probably millions, of Canadians support you.

Some weeks ago you stated publicly that some children would be better off if they were looked after by their parents than if they were placed in day care centres. I could hardly believe the shrill reaction. Some media types reacted to you as if you were making a case for the bubonic plague or at least scarlet fever. It's hard for me to believe that all of the critical reporters had experienced a difficult childhood, but I am hard-pressed to come up with any other explanation.

Don't these supposedly surprised scribes know that most of us who lead reasonably well-adjusted lives as responsible contributors to society, never had a day of government-sponsored day care in our lives? I got the impression from at least a few of the big city writers that society would be better off if day-care facilities were not only available for all, but if all parents would use them.

Hang in there, Jake, you were "right on." Stand your ground. Repeat your comments. Obviously some people need to hear the truth a few times before they understand.

If anything, you understand the case. You did not say that the vast majority of children would be better off if raised by their parents, you simply said that some would be. In my view, most children should be raised by their parents. If Canada ever succumbs to the notion of providing state-run day care for all our young children we will have lost much.

Of course, there is a place for day care, where the situation warrants it, but for most children it is strictly second best. Where economics or other problems require it, we should provide it, but not as a presumed better option for all.

Indians and the church

Christ Church Cathedral (Angl.) in Victoria, B.C. has been in possession, for years, of a collection of 65 native artifacts, long ago taken from the Nishga Indians by missionaries who were horrified by the Nishga culture. In January the cathedral intended to sell the artifacts and to use the money to pay down a $1-million debt. Native groups strongly protested the sale, with the result that the sale was called off and that the artifacts will be returned to the native people.

In an article "Church should make public act of contrition," the Anglican newspaper, *Canadian Churchman* of April 1987 says:

It is gratifying to know that the collection of native artifacts belonging to Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, are now to be given back to the tribes from which they originated.

The original decision to sell the artifacts to museums or private buyers was protested strongly by native groups. The Nishga of the Nass River area of Northern B.C. were particularly concerned about the decision.

The Nishga have had a close relationship with the Anglican Church over the last 20 years.

In view of this long and sorely tried loyalty, the church's attempted sale of the artifacts has been seen, according to some sources, as complete betrayal.

Restoration of the artifacts may stem the anger. But the church should take this opportunity to do something more.

Wherever the artifacts go — and the Nishga and Kwakiutl are two prominently mentioned tribes — they should not be handed over in private. Instead, the church should return them with a formal public apology acknowledging the major role it had in robbing them of their heritage.

It would be fitting if that apology could be incorporated into a church service set in a native context, such as the Nishga liturgy.

Wrong was done long ago. And it continues to be done. The church should acknowledge that in an appropriate way.

More on Babb

The former ambassador of South Africa to Canada, Glenn R.W. Babb, was a man who did not shy away from controversy. In *C.C.* of Apr. 10 the editor criticized him for pointing at Canada's failures with minorities in an apparent attempt to divert the attention away from South Africa's apartheid problems.

While still in Canada, Babbs accepted an invitation from the Pequis reservation to see the living conditions of Canada's Indians for himself.

The *Mennonite Brethren Herald* of Mar. 20 also frowns at Babb's actions and defends our right as Canadians to condemn apartheid. At the same time the editor feels that Babb made a point:

Our critique of evil in the world, however, will hold much increased credibility if we at least begin to address our own failures with vigour and good faith.

I am happy that Babb visited the Peguis reservation. Our conscience needed a jolting. We may well have become so secure in our comfort, and so familiar with destitute Indians on our streets, that we have come to think that only South Africa has a problem. We have one too, and I hope our government will help lead us to solutions to this problem.

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Education

Ottawa-area students learn social values

Margaret Griffioen

OTTAWA — Redeemer Christian High School has been the focus of local media attention recently. The press has taken note of special courses designed by the school's staff which make students aware of the world around them through sharing the experiences of others.

The value of helping others

Every Tuesday afternoon, Grade 9 and 10 students volunteer their time in elementary schools, nursing homes and the homes of seniors and single mothers. They do everything from playing chess, bowling to babysitting and housework.

The work is a manditory part of their Bible study course and is designed to instil a sense of social responsibility. "We want [students] to learn the enjoyment of helping others for the sake of helping, not for financial reward," said principal Derek Maggs in a newspaper interview. (The Bible course credit does not count towards the Ontario Ministry of Education Graduation Diploma.)

Tim Habinski, 15, helps with a weekly seniors' bowling tournament at a local nursing home. He hopes to become a Baptist minister one day and told the *Ottawa Citizen* that "it's good experience in doing something for nothing."

Working at the same home is Jeanette Boersma, 15, who wants to become a doctor. She told the *Citizen* that students are striking up friendships with the residents. "Some people might think, 'Oh, what a drag, an old people's home,' but the residents here are really nice."

According to Maggs, "Christ taught us to be servants, to share His love in service to others. The students have a lot of enthusiasm and strength ... it's nice to share that with somebody."

Photo: *Ottawa Citizen*

Mendel Good with Redeemer students Julie Neutel, Nigel Cook and Candace Wheeler.

Lessons from the Holocaust

In March, as part of a school focus on war and peace, students visited war museums, studied various aspects of war, held a debate on the premise "Christians should always obey the government's call to fight" and they met Mendel Good.

Good, 62, is a tailor here. He is also a survivor of the Holocaust and former chairman of Ottawa's Holocaust Committee.

Good told students that though his history and that of millions like him is "most unpleasant, there is nothing more gratifying for us than to tell it now. It means for us survivors, that a legacy of truth is continuing. [For 20 years] we were told to be silent, we lived in a world of our own."

That world changed when people like Jim Keegstra and Ernst Zundel "finally forced us to speak out. The wounds were opened and we must talk and you must learn about the past so you can secure your future," Good told the students.

Good was 14 when the Germans came to his Polish home and took him, his two brothers, one sister and parents. His story is one of a journey through labour camps, ghettos and finally, Auschwitz where he was one of the lucky ones who survived to be released by the Allies after Germany's surrender in 1945. The rest of his family did not survive. His wife is a Belsen camp survivor.

Photo: *Ottawa Citizen*

Alice Tysick, 73, bowls while Redeemer student Jeanette Boersma looks on.

The students learned of the unique struggles which faced holocaust survivors and later even their children. "My wife and I are different. My children are too. So are the children of all survivors. Surely you notice it."

Good emphasized the need to remember, to learn. "Maybe I have a right to hate. But I can't. It achieves nothing. But we can remember. It must never happen again. There is no such thing as a good war and there are no winners in any war."

Later that day the students finished their debate on the Christian duty in wartime. As one Ottawa reporter said, "Mendel Good should be pleased" — a consensus was reached that "duty was a matter of individual conscience."

Trinity receives lectureship grant

A grant of $4,000 from the GTE Corporation will enable Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois, to sponsor a series of lectures on "Science, Technology, and Human Values," reports Robert J. Wolff, Assistant Professor of Biology, who prepared the grant application.

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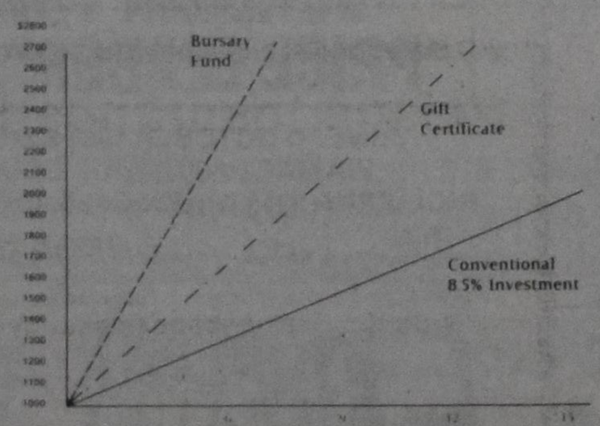

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Feature

On the fifth day: a study in marine biology

John Oosterdag

"Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let the birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens. So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind.

And God saw that it was good."

In the study of nature, the sea is a logical place to start. Genesis tells us, in Chapter 1, verse 20, that it was there that God created the first living creatures "with which the waters swarm." This is no understatement, as more than 30,000 species of fish make their home in this watery world. Many more species may yet be discovered at depths that are now out of reach to us. Scientists have divided fish into more than 100 "families" and "sub-families." Many classification systems, often contradicting one another, have been designed to make some sense of this bewildering diversity in swimming creation. For practical reasons we can divide them into two main groups: sweet or fresh water species and salt water species.

These two groups can then be divided again into tropical and non-tropical species. The former we know from the aquaria in petshops and the latter from the freezers in the supermarket.

Any study of fish will have to be limited to a few species, so for our little excursion I have chosen:

Labroides dimidiatus,
Aspidontus taeniatus,
Toxotes microlepsis,
Histrio histrio,

and, for good measure, I have thrown in a plain old Grouper.

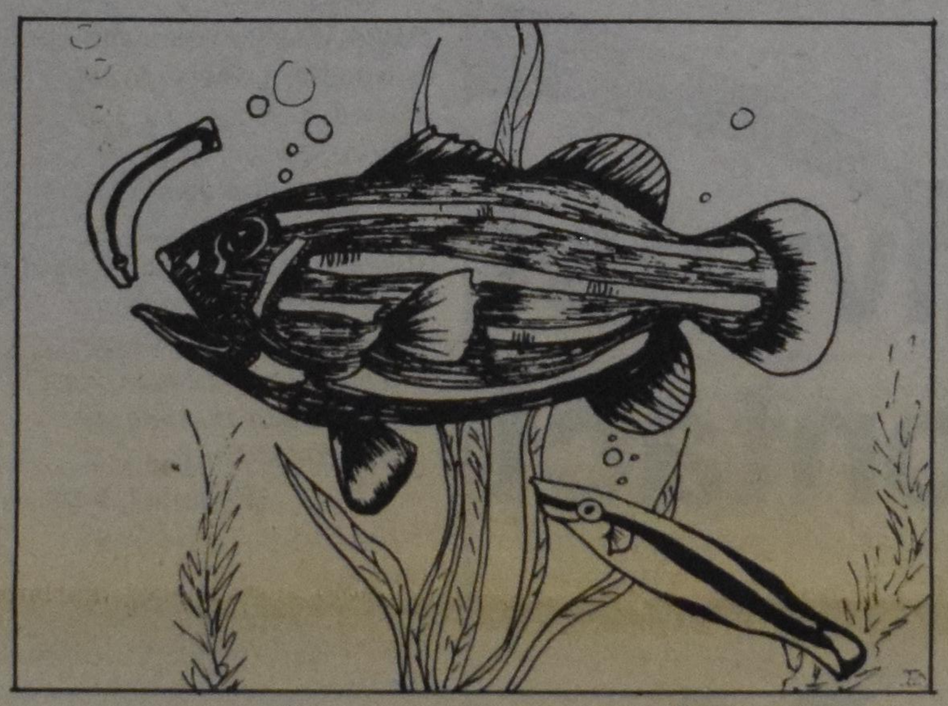
Cleaning habits

Now, Labroides is, in English-speaking countries, better known as the "Cleaner Wrasse," and cleaning it does.

In one of those remarkable relationships that we call "symbiotic," this little fish operates a "swim-in cleaning station" in a quiet spot on the ocean floor.

Fish that are suffering from annoying skin parasites such as crabs are solicited by the Cleaner to enter the "service bay." A little dance communicates the necessary information for this transaction and even large predatory fishes can be cleaned of parasites and dead skin. Even wounds may be taken care of. All this the little Cleaner Wrasse can do without putting its life in jeopardy. It does not have to worry about being swallowed and eaten. It can even venture into the gaping mouth of a large predatory fish and feel safe. What is missing is a small, underwater sign: "Complete Fishbody Service!"

In the illustration, we see a Grouper receiving this service; a Cleaner Wrasse is picking his teeth clean.



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Labroides (top left) gives a friend a dental check-up while Aspidantus (bottom right) tries to get in on the action.

Social behaviour

But all is not well here ...

In the foreground hovers Aspidontus taeniatus; better known as the "False Cleaner." This fish is an imposter and fake. It pretends to be the real Cleaner and even does the little dance, but does not perform any service at all. Somehow, it has discovered the relationship between the real Cleaner and other fish and is using the discovery for its own evil purpose. Since it looks and acts like a real Cleaner, other fish let it approach only to have a good chunk of hide bitten out of them.

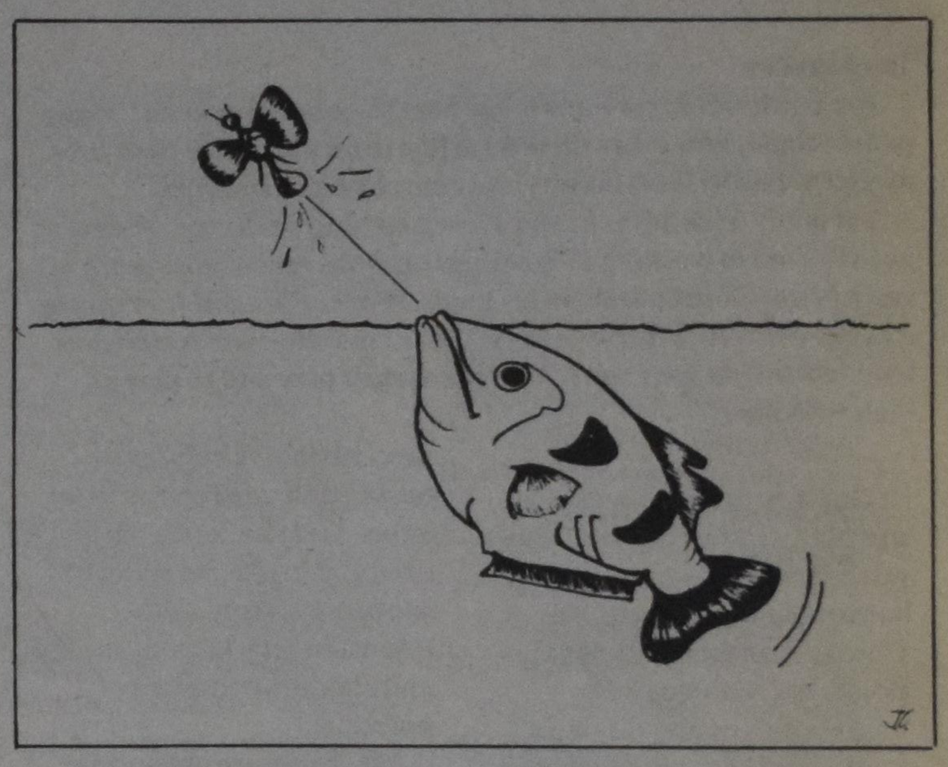
Nasty fellow, this Aspidontus.

The only visible difference between the two species is Aspidontus' underslung mouth, like that of a shark. Both fish are about 10 cm long and have a silvery slim body with dark bands running length-wise along it.

Hunting techniques

Cleverness of another kind is displayed by Toxotes microlepsis, also known as the "Archer Fish."

Looking at the illustration, we can see how this fish got its name. This ingenious little guy has somehow mastered the art of shooting down insects from the air with a mouthful of water. It is a surface-dwelling fish, always looking for some action at close range. It is coloured the traditional silver, with white belly and green flanks and is a popular aquarium fish because of its shooting ability. Passing flies get shot at with a jet of water; keep an old towel handy.



Toxotes shows perfect form in marksmanship.

And then there is "Histrio histrio," who looks more like a rock than a fish. In the illustration he was given an extensive face-lift to look a bit more appealing to squeamish people.

His dorsal fin (the one on top) has a ray that can be separated and brought forward. The ray has a fleshy appendix that can be made to wiggle like a worm. It is an effective lure that can be used to fish with.

Thus, this "fishing fish" is called the "Angler Fish."

And there was evening and there was morning; a fifth day. And God smiled that day.

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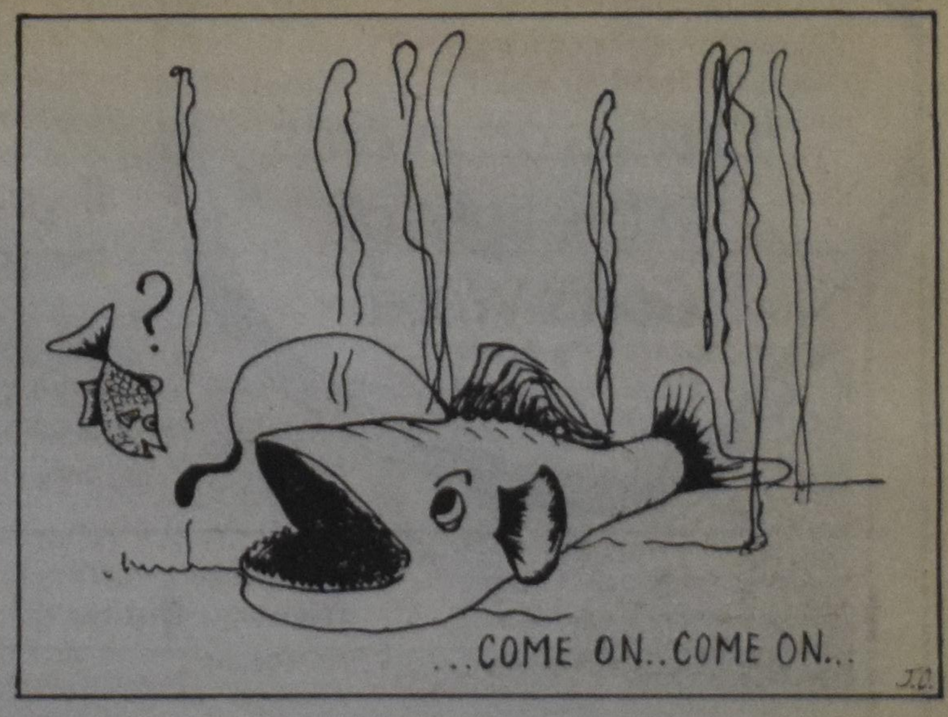

Histrio never has to rebait his fishing line!

Cinema summaries

Marian Van Til

Gardens of Stone

Rated PG
Stars James Caan, James Earl Jones, D.B. Sweeney
Directed by Francis Coppola

During every war, gardens of stone flourish. At the height of the Vietnam War, soldiers assigned to the maintenance of the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, were participating in 15 burials a day. "Drops," they called them, in graphic but chillingly accurate army slang. This film is a moving exploration of the effect of those deaths on the soldiers who stayed home, and specifically on the "old guard" at Arlington who "processed" the bodies.

For some, the burials became just a part of another day's work — distasteful, but a necessary evil. A job which would ensure their own survival. But for one young career soldier, it was different. Jack Willow was proud of his father's army career and wanted an equally illustrious one himself. His motto was simple: a soldier who doesn't fight isn't really a soldier. So Jack does everything possible to get *sent* to Vietnam's "front line." His idealistic view of war (despite the bodies he helps to bury every day) doesn't allow him to believe his mentors (two old army buddies of his father) when they try to convince him that there *is* no front line in Vietnam: it's a different kind of war, sneaky and brutal, one that can't be pinned down and mapped out.

Most of the film's interest and tension lie in the contrasts in the personalities and views of the two older men and their young protégé. One realizes in retrospect that there isn't a lot of action in the film, but it is never dull. The character studies (which also include the wives/girlfriends in the men's lives) create a satisfying context in which to reflect on the contradictions of war.

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Features

Love that long weekend rest

The perfect leisure activity may involve rest or action, depending on your needs.

Jan Johnson

Are you looking forward to the next three-day weekend? Many people find it now takes three days just to unwind from their jobs as well as family, community and church responsibilities.

Yet many of us never unwind, even on long weekends. We get so accustomed to working diligently at our jobs that we also work at our leisure. Gordon Dahl in his book, *Work, Play and Worship in a Leisure-oriented Society*, says: "Most middle-class Americans tend to worship their work, to work at their play and to play at their worship."

One way that we "work" at our play is to feel that we "must go somewhere or buy something to be happy," as Christian author, Tim Hansel points out. Our quest for leisure traps us into buying a boat, an all-terrain vehicle or a new cabana. A holiday is boring unless we can go to an amusement park or a party. Or tired and broke, we settle for snoozing in front of the television set while our spouses and children complain of boredom.

Maybe we are not good at leisure because we do not feel that it is as important as work. After all, laziness is leisure carried to an extreme. Yet Solomon wrote that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. (Eccles. 3:4) He ranked laughing and celebrating equal in value to planting, building and gathering stones together. (Eccles. 3:2-5)

Somehow we must rediscover the importance and the process of leisure. We must allow it to renew our perspective by refocusing our attention from our problems to the Powerful One who loves us and can solve them. Like David, we must regain the sense of wonder of what God has created:

O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him?

(Psalm 8:1,3-4a)

But leisure cannot do its important work for us when we work too hard at it. The key ingredient is simplicity. Dispel the idea of "quality leisure" as you strain for a euphoria of a dream vacation.

Skim through these suggestions and see if they might help your next weekend:

Plan a *simple* outing. Picnics do not have to include fried chicken, baked beans and five kinds of pickles. Fix simple tuna sandwiches instead and concentrate on the surroundings, the joy of eating in the fresh air.

Or take a drive in the country and notice the different kinds of architecture, the crops, the porches, the fences. I like to take a friend along with me who can identify trees from a distance by their shapes and crops by their first growth. Too often we look out on God's well-crafted universe with the unmoved placidity of cows staring at the sunset completely indifferent to the glory before them.

If you do not live near the country, find a natural setting. Another family who lives in a large city takes bread scraps to feed the ducks at a pond in a nearby cemetery. There they have observed the patterns of the ducks as they swim and the funny ways they bathe themselves and talk to each other.

Waste time. Laurence J. Peter says, "The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time." Think of the serenity you feel after listening to a favourite record, window shopping for a half-hour, or sitting on your front porch to watch the sunset. Technically, this is wasted time, but it refreshes your spirit and puts your perspective back into place. You feel ready to enjoy others and be of service to them.

Design a "dream" activity. Ask yourself where you would go if you could go anywhere. What would you do if you could do anything? Then duplicate it by choosing an activity that embodies the element you enjoy most about your dream outing.

One man wished he could ride in a hot air balloon, but that would have required both money and a reservation he did not have. When he realized that what he liked about it most was the view and the wind in his face, he climbed a nearby mountainside and gazed for an hour instead. It provided him with a more stable perch for picture taking too.

My husband's answer was, "Hawaii," but we also lacked the time and the money. He yearned for the slow pace in a salt air setting. So we spent a day sunning and dawdling at a posh beach city we had never visited before.

Reverse your routine. If you normally sit at a desk all day, make your leisure time active — go for a bike ride, perhaps. If you are a construction worker and your wife chases small children everyday, take lounge chairs and snacks to the park and relax while the kids play. If you live by your watch, take it off and refuse to look at clocks.

Maybe the next long weekend could start a stop-and-smell-the-roses trend in your life. That relaxed attitude might seep into your everyday experiences. Your co-workers might find you transforming your catnap at lunch time into an imaginary siesta under a palm tree in Hawaii.

It could happen.

Jan Johnson lives in Inglewood, California.

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The modern-day consumer: shopping for more than a good deal

Margaret Griffioen

There's more to shopping for many of today's consumers than just considering the best deal or the best product. Many shoppers and investors are also carefully examining the "social conscience" or corporations, banks and food producers.

"The boycott against Nestle SA, which forced the Swiss-based multinational company to market baby food formula more responsibly in developing countries, made people realize their power as consumers," said Larry Trunkey, founder of the Canadian Network for Ethical Investing (*Globe and Mail*, Feb. 24, 1987).

Consumers also expect corporations to be charitable as well as ethical, according to a recent article in *Report on Business Magazine*. "A survey conducted last year by Decima Research of Toronto asked respondents whether corporations have a responsibility to support charity. An overwhelming 80 per cent said yes."

And a recent series of reports in the *Globe and Mail* indicate that consumers are also more concerned these days about the treatment of farm animals and the environmental implications of the food and products they buy.

Illustration by Marguerite Witvoet

Book rates major corporations

Consumers concerned about corporations' ethical and charitable practices can check a new book *Rating America's Corporate Conscience*. (To date there is no Canadian counterpart).

In *Rating America's Corporate Conscience*, simple graphs allow readers to see at a glance whether a corporation rates minimal, moderate or substantial in the areas of charitable donations, women directors and officers, minority directors and officers, involvement in South Africa and conventional and nuclear weapons involvement. The book is divided into four areas of consumerism: Food product companies; health and personal care product companies; airline, automobile, hotel and oil companies; and appliance and household product companies. Also included, are brief write-ups about major companies outlining their basic policies concerning social issues.

Interesting tidbits can be learned about major corporations. For example, Procter and Gamble (Crest toothpaste) gives more money to charity and hires more minorities than its rivals, Colgate-Palmolive and Uniever NV (Close-up and Aim toothpastes). General Electric Co. is a major nuclear weapons contractor in the United States. Sara Lee Corp. (Electrolux vacuums, cakes, etc.) is the book's choice for socially conscious consumers, having given $3.9-million to charity in 1985. That works out to two per cent of pre-tax profits. It also employs more women and minorities than competing vacuum manufacturers, Hoover Co. and Black & Decker Corp.

Environmental concerns

The book does not deal with environmental issues. However, Environment Canada is considering giving a seal of approval to companies with good environmental records in the form of a special label to be printed on their products.

Stressing that the proposal is in the "concept stage," Al Gullon of Actions of Consumers and the Environment, (ACE) which is designing the proposal said it might be modelled after a 10-year-old German program.

Gullon said in Germany, an "environmental jury" composed of multi-sectoral consumers, examines products for their "immediate" pollution (pollution caused by using the product). The ACE proposal would likely take the program a step further and look at the "indirect pollution" caused by the product at the manufacturing stage.

As in Germany, Gullon indicated that ACE proposes some sort of labelling for products that would indicate that they were environmentally safe. He stressed that such labels would be specific with clarifying statements such as "this product produces low noise," or "this product is manufactured from 100 per cent recycled fibre." Gullon says ACE envisions corporations paying for the privilege of having an environmental engineer inspect their plants and for the right to use the label. This way, ACE, foresees the program becoming self-supporting.

Gullon also says ACE favours a "white list" of companies with good environmental records, versus a "black list" of companies with poor records. Such a white list would be more useful to consumers.

Food produced without cruelty

Animals rights activists have made some consumers more conscious of animals which may be abused for the production of goods. A recent report in the *Globe and Mail* examined the issue of animal rights and touched briefly on the influence of the consumer:

"A shopper who cares about animal rights can refuse to buy furs, insist on humanely raised meat and look for household products and cosmetics that are tested without cruelty to animals.

"In Canada, one of the most vivid examples of the growing market for cruelty-free products is at Body Shop cosmetics stores (found across the country) where each jar and bottle bears the label: "Produced and Tested without Cruelty to Animals."

"Cruelty-free cosmetics have a definite head start in the Canadian marketplace over other animal advocacy products such as humanely raised veal [calves which are not confined in small pens], free-range chicken and free-range eggs [chickens which are not in cages but roam freely on farms].

"In Toronto, for example, about 80 kilograms of free-range chicken are sold each week at The Big Carrot health food store and demand is growing 'very rapidly,' says John Hopperton, an employee at the store."

Consumers may not wish to rush out and boycott meat, poultry and eggs. Some of the claims of cruelty can be exaggerated, according to Larry Lutgendorff, a research assistant with Christian Farmers Federation (CFF). He said, for example, that the broiler operations he has seen are not suffering from overcrowding.

Currently Christian Farmers Federation is researching the whole area of animal husbandry. "For us [as compared to some animal activists] the question is not so much whether animals have rights, but how do we handle the animals."

An outline of CFF's proposed project on the treatment of animals in modern agriculture shows that the organization will study: the history of domesticated animal care; intensive management systems; modern animal housing; animal husbandry (health issues, breeding, genetic engineering, etc.); regulatory framework and current standards for farm animal care; farmers' perceptions of animal care; viewpoints of other concerned sectors on farm animal care; and future developments in use of farm animals.

The proposal notes the need to educate the public about the use and treatment of animals in primary agriculture. It points out that "animal confinement has become a 'hot' political issue.... Unfortunately, there is often a low level of understanding among the urban and public about how animals are actually raised and treated on a modern farm enterprise."

Moral funds for investors

For Canadians who have money to invest, and who are concerned with how it will be used, the Ethical Growth Fund (set up by Vancouver City Savings Credit Union) can be of service.

The fund applies five criteria to every business in which it invests. "If a company fails in one of the five, the fund will not purchase equity in it," reported the *Canadian Churchman* (May 1987). The companies must: have head offices in Canada and be on the Canadian Stock Exchange; have progressive industrial relations with staff; not conduct business in or with countries which legislate racial inequality; and not provide products or services for the military or derive major income from nuclear power projects.

Considering the fund's uniqueness in Canada and its recent start, "We're not going to be perfect," said the credit union's chairman David Levi. He is confident that the fund can identify unethical companies, but admits they could occasionally slip up.

The *Churchman* reports that "the fund began with $500,000 in February 1986, and a year later had $11.4-million under management.

"In its first year, the Ethical Growth fund achieved a 15.1 per cent rate of return. The rate surpassed the Toronto Stock Exchange composite index.

"It currently has more than 1,800 investors, including six pension funds. Investments range from $500 to $1-million.

"When it started [the fund] was open only to VanCity's members in British Columbia. Last September, it became available to investors across Canada through major investment brokerage firms."

A similar "moral issue concerned fund" was unveiled earlier this year by the Investors Group of Winnipeg. The Summa Fund avoids stocks involving liquor, tobacco, pornography, gambling, weapons production, do business with repressive regimes or with companies which have a poor record of pollution control.

Wally Kroeker of *Christian Week* says Christians play a role in the establishment of such funds. "For example, Pax World Fund of Portsmouth, N.H., one of the older ethical funds, was started in 1971 by a Methodist church group. In Canada, some analysts say, part of the impetus has come from church groups who applied pressure at shareholders meetings of companies with investments in South Africa.

"Another factor is that the activists of the 1960s have money to invest, and many of them have retained their social concerns. Moreover, Christians have become more socially aware and less willing to divide their spiritual and financial lives into separate compartments."

Kroeker points out that there is no unanimous definition of what constitutes a moral investment, "nor is it always possible to ensure a stock is perfectly clean."

Like many issues of business ethics, few investment decisions are black or white," said Kroeker. "But many ethical investors are finding they can at least strive for a more acceptable shade of grey."

Poetry

A joyful noise unto the Lord

Everywhere
in freshly, fragrance-scented air
is heard —
the singing of the birds
the buzzing of the bees
the rustling of a thousand leaves ...
and the refrain
of
softly
falling
gentle
rain.

Now all of earth and heaven brings
— all flying and all creeping things —
a joyful noise unto the Lord!

How then, oh Lord, can I keep still,
the crown of Your creation?
I join the throng
and sing *my* song —
in one great celebration!

Didy Prinzen,
Whitby, Ontario

Kyrie Eleison

The tulip
carries such
simple elegance
along its length
as it sways spring
into our world.
Each petal cups
crisply its
particular
brilliance, and here I
scissors in hand
clip each length
catching its colour
laying it down
down
gently, purposefully
so as to allow
root, bulb to
gather its strength
unseen, inside:
Kyrie Eleison.

(May 1986 — written for John, 18, whose neck snapped this spring.)

J. Hofman,
Ingersoll, Ontario

Climbing to the top

On the bottom I stand
Ready to climb
It looks so big
Too big to conquer
Too confusing
But I must climb
To get to the top
The climb is treacherous,
Tiring
Scary
But I can't back down
I must keep going
Even though I'm tired
Even though it sometimes feels
So useless
The mountain is full of little twigs
And rocks and sand, that
Make me fall back, but
I must go on
Alone
My hold gives way
I dangle by one hand
Miraculously something pulls me up again
And gives me a push
I feel strong again
The top is coming nearer
There is another, climbing,
Just like me
The same mountain
Suddenly
A big, strong, ugly creature
Takes hold of her
I clutch her hand, but
She is being pulled too hard
I must let go, or fall
She disappears*, but
I must go on
The top is coming nearer, but
I am discouraged
I stop
My grip gives way
Again I hang
By one hand
I get another push
Again I am made strong
I have enough energy
To climb again
I'm at the top
VICTORY
But ...
Victory begins with death
And, suddenly
I understand everything.

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(VanDorsten)

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All say: Happy birthday Grandma Lucy!!
Chatham, Ont.

Births

KIELSTRA (nee Bron): With great joy and thanksgiving to our God, we, Peter and Judy, are happy to announce the birth of our second son, BRIAN WILLIAM, born on May 15, 1987, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz.; a little brother for David. He is the seventh grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kielstra of St. Thomas, Ont., and the fourth grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. John Bron of Mt. Brydges, Ont.
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BOSMA-VANDERMOLEN: Al and Helen Bosma joyfully announce the marriage of their daughter, BRENDA TERESA, to RAYMOND JOHN Vander Der Molen, son of Minne and Annie Van Der Molen. The ceremony will take place, D.V., on May 29, 1987, at 7 p.m., in the Jarvis Ebenezer Chr. Ref. Church.
Future address: R.R.#1, Jarvis, ON N0A 1J0

DROST-VANDEN ENDE: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Drost and Pastor and Mrs. Tony Vanden Ende are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, BETTY and JOHN. The ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on Saturday, June 13, 1987, at 3:30 p.m. in the First Chr. Ref. Church of Kitchener.
Future address: 311-10 Beechwood Place, London, ON N6C 1H7

LOKHORST-KROEZEN: With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Lokhorst of Belmont and Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Kroezen of Acton, are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of our children, LAURA ANNE and HENRY GERALD. The ceremony will take place, D.V., June 6, 1987, at 4 o'clock, in the Chr. Ref. Church of Aylmer, Ont. Dr. Henry Boekhoven officiating.
Future address: 99 Kingham Rd., Acton, ON L7J 1S3

Anniversaries

Congratulations, Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa!
On June 4, 1987, we hope to celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

JOHN and WINNIE BRON
(nee Feenstra)

We pray the Lord will continue to bless them in the years to come.
With love from your family:
Allen & Brenda; Eric, Jeffery — Stratford
Janet — Brampton
Judy & Peter; David, Brian — St. Thomas
Bill & Tracey — Mt. Brydges
Home address: 91 London St., Mt. Brydges, ON N0L 1W0

1962 June 9 1987
"The eternal God is your dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms." (Deuteronomy 33:27a)
With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we are happy to announce the celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents,

LOUIS and MARGARETHA DEN BAK
(nee Suk)

With love from their children and grandson:
John
Randy & Deb; Henry
Irene
Rich
Mark
You are invited to attend an open house at their home from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 1987, at their home.
Best wishes only, please.
Home address: 4740 Drummond Rd., Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6C9

Miscellaneous

Durham Region Right to Life Association has audio and video materials as well as speakers available for students, teachers, clubs and churches, etc. For info. (416) 668-7911.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Harvey and Joyce Haanstra (nee Vander Wal) who will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, D.V., on June 12, 1987.

Anna Paulowna York
1947 June 12 1987
We praise and thank our heavenly Father for the many blessings given to our parents and grandparents,

HARVEY and JOYCE HAANSTRA
(nee VanderWal)

On June 12 they will celebrate 40 years of marriage. This also marks the 40th year of their immigration from The Netherlands to Canada. May God give them many more years of health and happiness.
Love from your children and grandchildren:
Effie & Bert Struyk; Sandra, Patrick, Lily, Cathy, Michael, Paul, Julie — Cayuga, Ont.
John & Debbie Haanstra; Marsha, Ronnie, Daryl, Adrian, Steven, Leanne — Caistor Centre, Ont.
Martha & Wayne Vander Wier; Jolene, Barbara, Ivan, Calvin, Dianne — Smithville, Ont.
Elizabeth & Jeremy Van Duyvendyk; Stephanie, Nico — Malawi, Africa
Jerry & Jane Haanstra; Jennifer, Jason, Janine — Vinemount, Ont.
Joyce Haanstra — Brantford, Ont.
Harvey & Hilda Haanstra; Harvey Jr. — Hagersville, Ont.
Anita & John Kuipery; Kevin — St. Catharines, Ont.
Nelly & Jim De Klerk; Christopher — Dunnville, Ont.
An open house will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., in the Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church, Mill St., York, Ont.
Best wishes only, please.
Address: P.O. York, ON N0A 1R0

Aduard (Gr.) Telkwa, B.C.
1947 May 29 1987
"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1)
With joy and thanksgiving to our Lord, we wish to announce the 40th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

PIETER and AUKTJE OOSTERHOFF

May the Lord continue to bless them and keep them in His care in the years to come.
With love from:
Lies & Ria Rouw; Arleen — Telkwa, B.C.
Ben & Anieta DeBoer; Adriana, Valerie, Arthur, Benjamin — Selkirk, Ont.
Ray & Aurelia Spronk; Wendell, Andrew, Damian — Leduc, Alta.
Koos & Linda Vanderveen; Peter, Janette, Jonathan — Calmar, Alta.
Albert & Donna Oosterhoff; Lea-Ann, Dustin — Telkwa, B.C.
Rayner & Trisha Oosterhoff; Karl — Telkwa, B.C.
Clarence Oosterhoff — Edmonton, Alta.
Harry Oosterhoff & Lori Tinga (engaged) — Leduc, Alta.
Home address: R.R.#1, Telkwa, B.C. V0J 2X0

Gouda, Z.H. Woodstock, Ont.
1942 June 3 1987
With joy and thanksgiving in our hearts to the Lord, we are pleased to announce the 45th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

KLAAS and NELLIE MARKUS
(nee Van Dorp)

"The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." (Psalm 121:8)
We, your children, thank you for the love and Christian upbringing you gave us. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless you.
John & Garma Markus; Gerda, Greta, Jonathan, Peter — Beachville, Ont.
Clarence & Wendy Markus; Darryl, Gary — Beachville, Ont.
Home address: R.R.#1, Woodstock, ON N4S 7N6

Dokkum, Fr. Sarnia, Ont.
1942 June 12 1987
With much joy and thankfulness to God for His continued care, we hope to celebrate the 45th wedding anniversary of our dear parents and grandparents,

JUSTUS and CORRIE KRAAK
(nee Boersma)

We pray that God will continue to bless them and care for them in the years to come. We love you Mom, Dad, Oma and Opa!
Vicky & Bill Vryberg; Michelle, Krista — Sarnia, Ont.
Jane Hodgson; Chris, Cheryl — Sarnia, Ont.
Hilda & George Douma; Kevin, Justin, Jeremy, Nathan — Chatham, Ont.
Ken Kraak — Sarnia, Ont.
Mary Ann & Bryan Plug; Danielle, Emily — Newmarket, Ont.
Home address: 813 Amsterdam Crt., Sarnia, Ont.

More anniversaries on next page.

Ministers

GUEST MINISTERS
Due to being vacant, the First CRC in Chilliwack, B.C., invites guest ministers. Preachers travelling or vacationing in this area are invited to preach for us by contacting John Zandberg at 47490 Prairie Central, Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 6H3 or call (604) 795-5667.

Anniversaries

Anjum Brampton
1937 May 27 1987
With thanksgiving to our faithful God, we remember the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents,

BARTELD and JELTJE (Alice) POSTMA
(nee Hamstra)

Though father's memory is failing and sadness recently crossed our path, we say with 1 Thess 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
As children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, we thank them for the love and care we have received from them.
Ann & Bob Walters
Wynne & Jerry Hoytema
Cornelius Greydanus
Marilyn & Harry Sjaarda
Minnie & Jerry Buruma
Tena & Norm Neilands
Kees Postma
and their families
Home address: 7900 McLaughlin Rd., CT 807, Brampton, ON L6V 3N2

Oenkerk Bowmanville
1942 June 6 1987
"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!" (Ps. 103:1)
We rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love shown to our parents and grandparents as they celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary.

JELLE and JISKJE REKKER
(nee Vanderbeek)

Congratulations Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, with love from:
Siebe & Lucy Rekker; Renita & Doug, Jeff, Tara — Bowmanville, Ont.
John & Pat Rekker; Jason, David, Nathan, Jennifer, Amanda — Bowmanville, Ont.
Joe & Diane Rekker; Scott, Lisa — Enniskillen, Ont.
Sylvia & Dirk Bouma; David, Juanita, Leisha, Andrea — Kingston, Ont.
Harry & Nellie Rekker; Leona, Daniel — Millbrook, Ont.
Julia & Frank Hoftyzer; Michelle, Arlene, Daniel, Pamela — Hastings, Ont.
Home address: R.R.#6, Bowmanville, ON L1C 3K7

Rocky Mtn. House, Alta. Ladner, B.C.
1962 June 1 1987
"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1)
With praise and thanksgiving to our eternal and almighty God, we celebrate together the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents,

HERMAN and ALICE SALOMONS
(nee Verbeek)

We pray for the Lord's continued care in the coming years together.
With love and congratulations from your children:
Elizabeth
Sharon
Tim
Carolyn
Geoff
Home address: 4653 - 55 St., Ladner, B.C. V4K 3P6

Ministers

The Cochrane Chr. Ref. Church
is in need of
pulpit supply during June, July and the second half of August.
Any minister travelling through our area and willing to preach, please contact:
George Struyk at (705) 272-5672
or write: Box 518, Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0

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Anniversaries

Utrecht Sarnia
1942 June 4 1987
"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." (~~136:1~~)
Happy 45th wedding anniversary to,

JOHN and METJE
VAN BARNEVELD
(nee De Rooy)

May God continue to bless you as husband and wife to one another and as parents to all of us.
With love from your children:
Ellie & John
Bill
Gys & Liz
Gerda & Tom
Jan & Wendy
and all your grandchildren.
Home address: 663 Murphy Rd., Sarnia, ON N7S 2X4. Phone: (519) 336-6256.

Groningen Cambridge
1942 1987
"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." (Philip 4:6)
On June 11, 1987, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate the 45th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

FRED and CORRIE WELFING
(nee Ritzema)

With love and congratulations:
Dianne & Bert Fluit; Jackie, Mike, Darrell — Ayr, Ont.
John & Hilda Welfing; Karen, Steven — Cambridge, Ont.
Alice & Hank Bosch; Bradford, Lincoln, Arron, Tizah — Branchton, Ont.
Home address: 28 Ball Ave., Cambridge, ON N1R 2A1

"We wait and hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name." (Ps. 33:20,21)
It is with joy and thanksgiving that we wish to announce the 35th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

HENK and HENNY WILPSTRA
(nee Poort)

on Saturday, May 30, 1987, D.V.
It is our hope and prayer that God will continue to bless them and be near to them in the years to come.
With love and congratulations from your children and grandchildren:
Don & Fenny Campbell; Joel, Brent — Wyoming, Ont.
Rita Wilpstra — Wyoming, Ont.
Paul & Janet Wilpstra; Philip, Julie, Brian — Wyoming, Ont.
Harry & Connie Wilpstra; Brandon, Leah — Wyoming, Ont.
Peter Wilpstra & Joy Weiland (girlfriend) — Wyoming, Ont.
Open house to be held on Saturday, May 30, 1987, from 2-4 p.m. in the fellowship hall, Chr. Ref. Church, Wyoming, Ont.
Home address: R.R.#1, Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0

Accommodations

Who would like to come to Strathroy and live for about five weeks (June 30 - Aug. 4) in a new sidesplit? Strathroy is a bustling town, fast-growing (10,000) with 2 large Chr. Ref. churches. A beautiful large park and a wide variety of stores (no need to shop elsewhere), centrally located. We are looking for a responsible couple, with references, who will pay a refundable security as well as the utilities they use. No rent. Don't miss this opportunity for a free vacation! Please call 519-245-4583 between 6-8 p.m. or before 8 a.m. for information. Call collect if seriously interested.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Henry and Audrey Vegter (nee Van Rietschoten) who will celebrate their 60th anniversary, D.V., on June 9, 1987.

H.I., Ambacht St. Catharines
1927 June 9 1987
With joy and thankfulness to the Lord for their many happy years together, we wish to announce the 60th wedding anniversary of,

HENRY and AUDREY VEGTER
(nee Van Rietschoten)

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and strengthen them.
Congratulations Mom and Dad, Oma and Opa.
With love from:
Sari & Toni
Gay & Pete
Betty
Jack & Diane
Tina & Thys
Your 26 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.
To share our happiness, an open house will be held, D.V., June 9, 3-5 p.m. at Covenant Chr. Ref. Church hall, St. Catharines.
Best wishes only.
Home address: 2 White St., Apt. 103, St. Catharines, ON L2N 1Z2

Obituaries

It pleased the Lord to call home, unto Himself, our much loved husband, father and grandfather on Tuesday, Apr. 28, 1987, at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital, St. Thomas, Ont.

GEZINUS H. (Jim) KLINGENBERG

of 182 Norwich Ave., Woodstock, in his 62nd year.
Survived by his loving wife, Anne (Vugteveen) Klingenberg and children:
Gerrit & JoAnne Klingenberg
Jake & Janet Bentum
John & Linda Klingenberg
Rick & Hilda Klingenberg
Peter & Christine Voskamp
Ken Klingenberg & Elaine Feyen (engaged)
and 18 grandchildren.
"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them!'" (Rev. 14:13)

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The King's College
10766 - 97 Street
Edmonton, AB T5H 2M1
(403)428-0727 days
(403)454-7120 evenings

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Toronto, ON M4L 2G1
(416)461-1207 evenings

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Employment Wanted

21-year-old man from B.C. looking for a full-time job on a **dairy farm** in Southern Ontario; preferably a registered herd. Experienced in all areas pertaining to dairy farming: milking, operating machinery, etc. Born and raised on a farm. Studied agriculture for one year at Dordt College. Wishes to start the middle of Aug. Phone (604) 743-9309 and ask for Bill or write: G.B. Wikkering, R.R.1, Box 15, Cobble Hill, B.C. V0R 1L0

Help Wanted

Small garden installation
landscaper
in Toronto area
needs
reliable summer helper.
Call Edward (eve.)
416-764-5136

Part-time **custodian** needed for the John Knox Memorial Chr. School in Fruitland, Ont., for the 1987/88 school year. Interested persons should contact Mr. Peter Groot at (416) 643-3203.

Full-time employee needed to help with 350 sow, farrow to finish breeding stock operation. Experience preferred but will train if interested in working in this type of work. Agricultural background preferred. Phone: (519) 887-6477.

Child-care worker to work with adolescent boys in a residential setting, located in Ottawa. Must be willing to live in home on a rotation basis. Reply to: Rudy Visscher, 613-745-4008.

Full-time **housekeeper** needed to care for young infant, to prepare meals and maintain home. Anticipated starting date would be Oct. 1, 1987. A third-floor apartment overlooking beautiful Lake Superior with private entrance is available. Please send applications with references before June 15, 1987, to Dr. & Mr. Pierre Vroom, 298 N. Court St., Thunder Bay, ON P78 4W3. Phone: (807) 345-0656.

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Help Wanted

Shalom Manor

Christian Home for the Aged

requires a

part-time RN

for one shift per week and to replace RN's during vacations and sick-time.

Qualifications: applicants must be willing to give Christian leadership and must possess certificate, or be eligible for registration as a RN in the province of Ontario. Knowledge of both English and Dutch will be an asset.

Please contact:

Mr. H. John Kamphuis, Administrator
Shalom Manor
12 Bartlett Ave.
Grimsby, ON L3M 4N5
or tel. (416) 945-9631

Holland Christian Homes Inc.

requires a

Director of Care

for a 120-bed long-term care facility (48 licensed beds, 72 unlicensed beds) and a 116-unit retirement tower.

Responsibilities will include supervision and direction of the nursing department, policy and procedure manual development for accreditation purposes, ongoing program development, budgeting and staffing.

Candidate must be a registered nurse, currently registered or eligible for registration in the province of Ontario. A nursing degree or certificate/diploma in administration is preferred. Experience in a supervisory position in a long-term care setting and knowledge of current concepts in gerontological nursing is essential. Understanding and speaking the Dutch language would be a valuable asset.

Submit resume to:

Holland Christian Homes Inc.
c/o Administrator
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or phone: (416) 935-5373

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invites applications for

Executive Director

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Commencement date negotiable.

Letters should be sent to:

Secretary of the Board, Salem M.H.A.
128 Willowdale Ave., Willowdale, ON M2N 4Y2

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invites applications for the position of

Protestant Campus Minister

starting Sept., 1987.

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Citizens for Public Justice

The B. C. Affiliate of Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) invites applications for the position of Public Affairs Director.

CPJ is a Christian Citizens movement dedicated to the pursuit of Biblical justice in Canada.

Leadership qualities, as well as organizational and research skills are required.

For Job Description and other information write:
Citizens for Public Justice
#308 11675 7th Avenue
Richmond, B.C., V7E 4X4

Please respond before June 30, 1987.

Teachers

ATHENS: Athens Chr. School is inviting applications for a teacher in **Grades 5-8** for the 1987-1988 school year. Ability to teach French would be an asset. Please send letter of application and resume to: Mrs. Hinke Weima, Box 264, Athens, ON K0E 1B0 or call (613) 924-9500 (day) or (613) 924-9452 (eve.)

BRANTFORD: Because of maternity leave, **Brantford Chr. School** is in need of a **Grade 1/2 teacher** from mid Oct. to the end of Feb. Please send applications to Chris VanderVeen, Principal, 7 Calvin St., Brantford, ON N3S 3E4. Tel. (519) 752-0433.

CHILLIWACK, B.C.: Chilliwack Chr. School invites applications for one teachers position for **Grade 1/2 combination**, and a possible part-time position for Grade 2. Please send resume to: Mr. Jim Bleeker, Chilliwack Chr. School, 9750 McNaught Rd., Box 161, Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 6G2 or call 604-792-4171.

HOUSTON, B.C.: The Houston Chr. School is seeking applications for a **Grade 7/8** teacher with a major in Science. Please contact the principal Mr. H. Fritschy, Houston Chr. School, Box 237, Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0. Tel. (604) 845-7736 (school) or 845-7953 (home).

An ad in C.C. gets results!

Teachers

LUCKNOW: The Lucknow and District Chr. School seeks applications for a **combined administration/special education** position. Please send all resumes to: Mr. W. Kamphuis, Principal, Box 550, Lucknow, ON N0G 2H0. Tel. (519) 528-2016.

SASKATOON: Saskatoon Chr. School has a definite opening for a **Grade 1 and 2 combination** for the 1987-88 year. Send applications to the school at 2410 Haultain Ave., Saskatoon, SK S7J 1R3.

Help Wanted

Summer help needed on dairy farm. Experience with milking and farm machinery is preferred. Phone Drumbo, (519) 463-5502.

Teachers

ST. CATHARINES: Beacon Chr. High School and **Calvin Memorial Chr. School** require a full-time **music teacher** (or part-time) for 1987-88 school year. This position includes the grade 7-12 band and choral program. Direct inquiries and/or applications to the Principal, Mr. Henry Kater, 2 O'Malley Dr., St. Catharines, ON L2N 6N7; phone: (416) 937-7411.

STRATFORD: Stratford and District Interdenominational Chr. School is in need of a **teaching principal.** Send resume to: Mrs. J. Streutker, Secr., R.R.#1, Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0; for further information contact the school at (519) 393-5675.

SURREY, B.C.: The Surrey Chr. School invites applications for possible teacher positions in **kindergarten** and **Grade 4** for the 1987/88 school year. Please send applications and resumes to the principal, A. Jansen, Surrey Chr. School, 9115 160th St., Surrey, B.C. V3R 4N4.

VERNON, B.C.: Vernon Chr. School invites applications to fill a possible teaching position for **Grades 5/6** for the 1987/88 school year. Please send applications, resumes, inquiries to: Mr. K. Stromberg, Principal, Vernon Chr. School, Pleasant Valley Rd., Site 19A, Comp. 4, R.R.#3, Vernon, B.C. V1T 6L6. Phone: (604) 545-7345.

WILLIAMSBURG: Our school is in need of a teacher for a **combined Grade 5-6 class** for Sept. 1987, or for **remedial help and principal relief.** Preference will be given to those who have working knowledge of French and are experienced. Please send your application to: Mr. James Kooistra, Principal, **Timothy Chr. School,** Williamsburg, ON K0C 2H0. Phone: (613) 535-2687.

Help us share the vision. See page 10.

Nanaimo Christian School
on Vancouver Island

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or write:
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Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5K3

Dutch/Events

Naar een betere verhouding met verwante kerken in Canada/U.S.A.

A. Wolting

In het Centraal Weekblad van 22 augustus 1986 schreef dr. P.N. Holtrop toen nog predikant te Amsterdam-Zuid, immiddels hoogleraar in de zendingswetenschappen aan de Theologische Hogeschool te Kampen, over zijn bezoek als afgevaardigde van onze kerken aan de generale synode van de Christian Reformed Church, gehouden in juni 1986 te Grand Rapids. Deze Amerikaanse zusterkerk ontstond omstreeks 1850 onder leiding van ds. A.J. van Raalte, die uit Nederland kwam. Na 1945 sloten tienduizenden Nederlandse emigranten zich bij deze kerk aan, waarvan een derde in Canada en twee derde in U.S.A. woont.

"The Banner" (de Banier), het officiële orgaan van de Chr. Ref. Church, van 30 juni 1986 schreef dat dr. Holtrop op de synode in Grand Rapids, met zijn ruim veertig Gereformeerde kerkgebouwen, zei: "Onze Gereformeerde Kerken zijn blootgesteld geweest aan liberale invloeden, de Christian Reformed Church aan fundamentalistische. Toch zijn hun problemen gelijksoortig, en kunnen zij elkaar helpen."

Tegenstellingen

Gezien het officiële karakter van deze toespraak lijkt het er nu dus op, dat de Gereformeerde Kerken een minder liberaal beleid willen; de Christian Reformed Church doet dat al jaren, en naar het lijkt werpt dat z'n vruchten af, mede doordat men poogt starheid en conservatisme te vermijden. De bekwame hoofdredacteur van "The Banner" ds. Andrew Kuyvenhoven, van origine Westlander en neef van onze vroegere synodevoorzitter ds. A.C. Hofland en zijn oudere broer ds. A.B.C. Hofland, schrijft dat fundamentalisten letterlijk en onkritisch het gezag van de Bijbel aanvaarden. Ook willen zij vaak alles bij het oude laten.

Die kant wil de Chr. Ref. Church niet op. Jezus zegt immers dat de goede schriftgeleerde nieuwe (voorop!) en oude dingen uit de schatten van de Schrift te-voorschijn haalt.

Met de genoemde gelijksoortige problemen ligt het wat merkwaardig. Ondanks het voorzichtige, pastorale beleid van de synoden daar nemen de "verontrusten" in Amerika veel meer een eigen plaats in dan hier. Daar hebben ze een eigen predikantenopleiding, het Mid America Reformed Seminary. Zij hebben ook een eigen orgaan, "Renewal" (Vernieuwing), met weinig opbouwende artikelen. Bij de kerken daar is er nog een bescheiden vooruitgang van zo'n duizend leden per jaar, op een totaal van bijna de helft van de ruim 800.000 leden van onze kerken, die echter de "omslag" al achter zich hebben met nu een jaarlijks verlies van ongeveer 5.000 leden.

Elkaar helpen

Dr. Holtrop zei in zijn korte toespraak: "Wij kunnen elkaar helpen." Wanneer men zo nu en dan een paar maanden door Noord-Amerika trekt, doet men leerzame en bemoedigende indrukken op. Maar ook teleurstellende, van soms een harde wettische orthodoxie. Tegelijk zien we dat ds. Henry de Moor jr. van Edmonton zich in Kampen voorbereidde voor een hoogleraarschap te Grand Rapids (Calvin College), terwijl hij hier part-time predikant te Doornspijk was. In "The Banner," door hem een samenbindend blad genoemd, spreekt hij zich uit tegen het verbreken van de banden tussen zijn kerkgemeenschap en de onze, maar hij heeft wel de al meermalen genoemde kritiek betreffende de IKON, het in verwarring brengen van (vooral jonge) mensen door de synode-uitspraken over huwelijk en sexualiteit; de van Schrift en belijdenis afwijkende meningen van dr. H. Wiersinga, en de valstrikken van het kerkelijk liberalisme.

Dergelijke zaken zullen onderwerp van gesprek worden tussen de kerkgemeenschappen, en ze zijn dat, volgens ds. De Moor, dat ook op het grondvlak van onze kerken, waarboven op een veel te grote hoogte de langdurige, niet bij te houden generale synode troont (artikel van 6 juni 1983).

Uitwisseling

Belangrijk bij dit alles zijn bijbelse lijnen als: de roeping tot waarheid en (wereldwijde) eenheid, "opdat de wereld gelove." Maar die wereld lijkt juist afvalliger te worden in streken met zeer verdeelde kerken, ook in Noord-Amerika.

Paulus leert ons, dat we samen met alle heiligen de waarheid beter verstaan. Dus: uitwisseling! In het verleden zijn contacten en openheid naar het buitenland altijd zeer vruchtbaar geweest: Genève (reformatie, Reveil, oecumene), Wales (opwekking), Schotland (nadere reformatie, visie op Israël) en Vlaanderen (geloofsbelijdenis).

Samenwerking

Berkhofs "Christelijk Geloof" kom je in Engelse vertaling, zelfs al de tweede druk, in Canada en de Verenigde Staten nogal eens tegen bij jongeren, maar verder lijkt het dat de uitwisseling naar Nederland toe wat eenzijdig is door alleen hier studerende Amerikanen en Canadezen. Op die wijze doen onze kerken zich tekort. Inspirerend en groeiend gemeenteleven als in Burnaby (Vancouver) met opwekkingsmensen, Brooklyn (New York) met Joden, koffie-uur-evangelisatie voor eenzamen (ontstaan in U.S.A.), de "Back to God" t.v. - en radio-uitzendingen van de Chr. Ref. Church; dit alles en Amerikaanse theologie ontgaan ons.

Men staat er volop in de wereld, zij het, net als bij ons, niet overal, maar men probeert duidelijk niet van de wereld te zijn.

Samenvatting

Men zou kunnen zeggen dat verwante kerken met een goede traditie een bijzondere roeping hebben tot waarheid, eenheid en vruchtbare samenwerking. In het Midden-Oosten had en heb ik langdurige contacten met gans andere kerken, en dan gaat zoiets, b.v. pastoraal gezien, voor de gemeente in haar volle breedte niet op. Het is té vreemd. Maar dit geldt niet voor de Chr. Ref. Church, of voor de Reformed (Herv.) Church uit de tijd van Stuyvesant (± 1650).

Overgenomen uit: gereformeerd den haag, 28 maart 1987.

Calendar of Events

May 30	Organ concert by Christiaan Teeuwsen at Providence CRC, **Beamsville,** Ont., at 8 p.m.
May 31	Brother Andrew (Anne van der Bijl, author of *God's Smuggler)* will preach in Second CRC, **Brampton,** Ont. during the morning services.
May 30 - Sept. 19	"Kaatsen" tournaments: May 30: **Burford;** June 13: **Strathroy;** July 1: **Paris;** July 18: **Woodstock;** Aug. 8: **Burford;** Aug. 22: **Oakville;** Sept. 7: **Stoney Creek;** Sept. 19: **Ingersoll.** For info. phone: (519) 485-0639.
June 2-4	Servant or tyrant: A Conference on the Task and Limits of the State. Featuring speakers Dirk de Vos, Edward Ericson, Lord Ralph Harris, Thomas Langan, Paul Marshall, Michael Novak, Harry Underwood and Al Wolters. Sponsored by the CLAC and the Work Research Foundation. At Redeemer College, **Ancaster,** Ont. Advance registration required. For info.: CLAC, 821 Albion Rd., Rexdale, ON M9V 1A3; (416) 744-2340.
June 3	Dr. Edward Ericson, Professor of English at Calvin College and author of *Solzhenitsyn: The Moral Vision* and of an abridgement of Solzhenitsyn's *The Gulag Archipelago,* will address a public meeting on the topic "Christian Hope Despite the Shadows of Tomorrow." Sponsored by the CLAC and the Work Research Foundation, at Redeemer College, **Ancaster,** Ont. at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door. For info. call CLAC (416) 744-2340.
June 3	"Hollandse Dag" in the CRC, **Kingston,** Ont. Speaker: Rev. Los. For info. call (613) 386-3754 or 384-2493. Admission $5.00, lunch included.
June 5	Fifth annual spring concert by "Mountainview Singers" with Smithville DCH Band. Audience singing. At 8 p.m. in Mountainview CRC, **Grimsby,** Ont.
June 10	"Hollandse Dag" at 10 a.m. in **Moorefield Park.** Speaker: Rev. J. Kuntz.
June 12-13	Conference sponsored by Calvin College/ICS on "The Crisis in Central America — A Reformed Approach." At the ICS, 229 College St., **Toronto,** Ont. For info. call (416) 979-2331.
June 19-21	25th anniversary of Mountainview CRC, **Grimsby,** Ont. Friday at 7:30 p.m.: fellowship; Saturday: Picnic from 12 to 4 p.m. at Fifty Point Conservation Area; Sunday: Worship services at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
June 20	Wyoming District CR Singles Fellowship Picnic & Barbeque at Bridgeview Park, **Petrolia,** Ont. starting at 1 p.m. For info. call (519) 344-7097. Registration closes June 10th.
June 20	25th anniversary of **Clinton** & District Chr. School. Social starts at 1:30 p.m., evening program at 7:30 p.m. For info. call (519) 482-9995.
June 27	"Wieringermeer Day" from 11-5 p.m. at **Moorefield** Park. For info. call A. Jongejan at (519) 482-9173.
July 3-4	25th anniversary of Immanuel Chr. School, **Lethbridge,** Alta. Speaker: Rev. John Ooms. Variety program on both days. For info. call (403) 327-4223.
July 8	"Hollandse Dag" in the arena, 334 Metcalfe St. W., **Strathroy,** Ont. Speaker: Rev. Harry VanderWindt. Starts at 10 a.m.
July 22-29	International Cadet Camporee '87, held at Camp Beaverdam near **Orangeville,** Ont. Open house at Camp Beaverdam July 26 starting at 10 a.m. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome.
Jul. 31 - Aug. 3	Annual ICS Conference at Niagara Christian College Campus, **Fort Erie,** Ont. Theme: "To be near God." Keynote speaker: Pastor Derk Pierik, U of T campus chaplain.
Aug. 15	"Drijberse Dag" to be held at Pine Hurst Conservation Area, Hwy. 24A (between **Cambridge** and **Paris**). For info. contact Marinus and Marie Booy at (519) 269-3718 or Bert and Jenny Smit at (416) 957-7617.
Sept. 19	30th annual convention of the Ontario CRC School Association at E. Northumberland S. School, **Brighton,** Ont. Host: Trenton CRC. Speakers: Cele Mereness and Harvey Smit. For info. call (519) 884-6044.
Oct. 3	Sixtieth anniversary and reunion of "Christelijk Lyceum (HBS)" in **Apeldoorn, The Netherlands.** On this occasion the school will publish a book commemorating the airplane accident in Oct., 1946. Former students can write to Wim J. Van Veen, P.O. Box 1057, Station Q, Toronto, ON M4T 2P2.

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Laat uw licht schijnen (7)

J.A. Ader-Appels

"Hij heeft 'une passion des âmes,'" zei prof. Berkelbach van der Sprenkel toen hij de preek van zijn voorstel hoorde. Die hartstocht voor de zielen, die bij uitstek herderlijke eigenschap, die hem zoo geliefd en voor het ambt van predikant tot zoo'n wonderbaar werktuig in Gods hand maakte, is inplaats van verzwakt, versterkt in zijn gevangenschap. Hij wist, door zijn eigen ongebroken geestkracht, er bij de anderen steeds den moed in te houden. Al spoedig na de tweede, was er een derde celgenoot bijgekomen. De groote kanker van het gevangenisleven is de verveling. Zij vertelden elkaar nu om beurten uit hun leven. Er was iemand bij van de Utrechtsche Politie. Die had over zijn leven heel wat te vertellen, dikwijls ook humoristische dingen over het volksleven, waar ze dan smakelijk om hebben gelachen. En mijn man vertelde over ons werk in de Gemeente hier, zijn fietstocht naar Palestina — een vervolgverhaal, iederen dag een stukje. Op een middag, toen ze het eten net op hadden, het zal bijna één uur geweest zijn, zei mijn man:

"We zijn gisteren de Bosporus overgestoken, nu gaan we vandaag Klein-Azië binnen."

Toen werd de celdeur opengegooid. "Ader?" vroeg een stem.

"Ja?"

"Alles mitnehmen."

Dat beteekende overplaatsing naar een andere gevangenis of naar een kamp, vrijheid of de dood. Wie kon er ook maar *iets* van zeggen? Maar het zij dood of leven, hij was in Gods hand. Daarom was hij heel kalm, gaf zijn celgenooten de hand, wenschte hen het beste. Maar de deur ging weer dicht en dat beschouwden zij als een slecht teeken. Als hij vrijgelaten werd, zouden ze de celdeur wel openlaten en opletten dat hij geen briefjes van hen mee naar buiten smokkelde.

"Ik ben gevangene," schreef hij mij, "der menschen, maar ook des Heeren en dat is zoo heilzaam!" — Hij had zich volkomen aan God overgegeven. Eén van zijn gedichten geeft dit weer [hieronder afgedrukt].

Dien morgen was er een briefje bij den portier gebracht, dat zijn tweede zoontje geboren was. Dat briefje heeft hij nooit gekregen. Ik zie er Gods barmhartigheid in. Het zou anders wel heel moeilijk geweest zijn om van het leven te scheiden.

Toen gaven ze hem bij den portier eerst al zijn papieren terug. Dat beteekende, dat hij vrij was. Maar neen, dat was een vergissing: hij moest ze allemaal weer afgeven. Maar het was geen vergissing. Het was een laatste kwelling, een spelletje van kat en muis om hem, hun weerlooze prooi te laten voelen: "Wij spelen met je leven: een duivelsche machtswellust — je dacht dat je vrij was, mannetje en naar huis ging, maar we schieten je dood."

(Wordt vervolgd)

In memoriam 20 nov. 1944, Ds. B.J. Ader.

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Maar wat 'k niet wist: dat Gij hier zelf zoudt komen
En even nijgen bij het ingaan door de lage deur,
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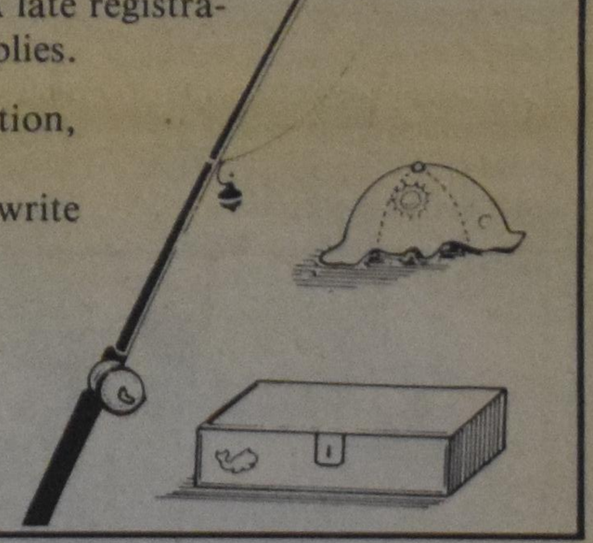

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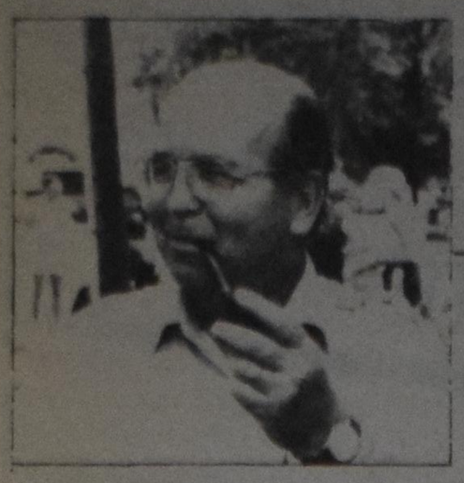

Kommentaar met een knipoog

Herman de Jong

Lang weekend

Vader en moeder Bouw hebben een fijn gezin. Een gezin om jaloers op te zijn, vinden de mensen van de kerk. Beste, oppassende kinderen die allen goed op hun pootjes terecht zijn gekomen. Kijk ze daar nu es op een rijtje zitten in het middenschip ... elk lang weekend zijn ze present.

Toch heeft dit lange weekend vader en moeder Bouw wat van de kook gebracht. Maar dat behoeft niemand te weten, hoor! Ieder gezin heeft wel iets, nou? Ach, het is eigenlijk maar een kleinigheid ... maar vooral vader Bouw heeft er moeite mee. Hij vindt dat die volwassen kinderen hem steeds meer buiten het gesprek laten ... net of hij er niet meer bij hoort. Moeder Bouw spreekt daarover met haar schoondochter, die bezig is een doctorsgraad in de theologie te halen. Gelukkig gaat ze met die graad niet de kansel op ... dat moest er nog bijkomen. Ze wil godsdienstonderwijs geven aan een college. Moeder Bouw vindt Marg een verstandige meid, waar je verstandig mee kunt praten. Marg vind dat vader Bouw zichzelf buiten het gesprek plaatst. "Wordt hij wat doof, moeder? Hij begint midden in een gesprek zomaar over iets anders ... over iets dat nergens op slaat ....

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Ja, ja, ze zijn er weer! De twee getrouwde jongens met hun vrouwen, en de drie dochters die hun vriendjes meenamen. Het laatstgenoemde zestal studeert nog aan een college en universiteit. Ze zullen het ver schoppen, die Bouw kinderen. Weliswaar zitten ze straks allen met een studieschuld van zo'n slordige $20.000,00, maar met de grote salarissen die ze straks vast wel zullen verdienen zijn zulke schuldjes maar peuleschilletjes. Vader Bouw heeft ze alle vijf door Christelijke lagere- en hogere scholen geholpen, maar toen was het ook afgelopen ... er komt een tijd dat je aan je oude dag moet denken, vooral als je een kleine zelfstandige bent.

Gelukkig heeft het huis een kanjer van een basement. Daar kan haast een compagnie soldaten slapen. Vader Bouw, die toch al moeite heeft oog op het hele spul te houden, heeft streng afgekondigd dat na tien uur de basement waar de mannen slapen, voor de meisjes taboe is. Het is al erg genoeg dat de douche zich in de basement bevindt. Vader Bouw heeft die douche vroeger nog zelf aangelegd, maar je kunt niet alles van tevoren weten.

Het is zondagmorgen na kerktijd. Gelukkig is het stralend mooi weer en kunnen ze lekker buiten zitten. Moeder Bouw ergert zich wel een beetje aan haar twee jongste dochters, die hun leuke zondagsjurken direct verwisselden voor kledij dat het zonlicht toelaat op hun slanke lichamen. Maar ze zegt er niets van ... dat lijkt haar wel zo verstandig.

Vader Bouw kijkt vergenoegd rond. Moeder heeft hem verteld dat hij zich deze keer niet direct in de "Banner" mag verdiepen. "Je hebt visite, hoor jongen!" Hij probeert een gesprek op gang te krijgen en dat lukt hem aardig. Uit ervaring weet hij, dat de preek die ze net hoorden een uitstekend duikplankie is. "En," zegt hij in het wilde weg, "hoe vonden jullie de preek vanmorgen jongens?" "Mooi," zegt zoon John. "Niks an," zegt dochter Betty, "Hij stond weer zo te wauwelen." Vader Bouw gaat er es lekker voor zitten. "Jullie moeten wel onthouden jongens en meisjes, dat Gods woord doorklinkt zelfs in een matige preek ..." Toen was het hek van de dam! Zoon Gerald vond dat ze dan maar een Bijbelboek moesten voorlezen inplaats van een preek. Gerald's vrouwtje keek stralend naar hem op omdat hij zo verstandig zijn woordje kan doen, en zei dan precies hetzelfde in iets andere bewoordingen.

Toen nam de theologische studente het woord en meteen begon het ingewikkeld te worden. De woordenkeus nam een universitaire wending, er werden klinkende volzinnen gesproken waarvan men de endjes niet eens afwachtte ... studerenden kunnen vaak uit halfzinnen al begrijpen welke kant je op wilt. Ach, ze denken zo snel, die studenten ...

Vader Bouw nam ijverig aan de discussie deel. Maar tja, hij zocht zijn woorden langzaam, behoedzaam, want je wilt toch ook geen flater slaan als je iets wat je in het nederlands uitdenkt in het engels uitspreekt. Bovendien had hij geen kaas gegeten van analytisch denken, iets wat professoren van hun studenten verwachten. Eerst luisterden de kinderen geduldig, want nou ja ... je bent je ouders nog altijd ere verschuldigd.

Maar toen begon Pa Bouw zo ouderwets te doen, greep terug naar lang-vervlogen schetsenbundels en lang-gestorven professoren, die met oneindig geduld op de toogdagen het gewone volk de geheidheid van het Calvinistische denken op eenvoudige manier probeerden uit te leggen en wel eens te vaak rekenden op het oncritische denken van hun geachte toehoorders (en nog zitten we met de brokken!) "Vader," zei John, "we leven vandaag en uw problemen zijn de onze niet meer."

Jake en Gerald begonnen een gesprek binnen een geprek over computers, discs en hardware. De anderen brachten het gesprek op de laatste films die ze allemaal gezien hadden zonder uitzondering. Vader Bouw dacht nog wat na over dat "hardware" en zei plotseling tegen moeder Bouw: "Help me herinneren dat ik morgen met de mower naar de hardware store ga. Het gesprek verstomde. Waar had vader het nu weer over ...

En zo nam vader Bouw een luisterende houding aan. Probeerde het gesprek over de laatste films te volgen, want van die computers begreep hij helemaal niets. Hij wilde nog opperen dat al die films toch heus niet allemaal door de beugel konden, maar eigenlijk durfde hij zijn mond niet te openen. Toen hij eindelijk opstond en zei dat hij nu zijn middagdutje ging doen, waren de kinderen heel aardig, en hij lachte mee toen Jake er iets grappigs over zei, maar inwendig was hij toch verdrietig ... hij voelde dat hij niet meer mee kon doen.

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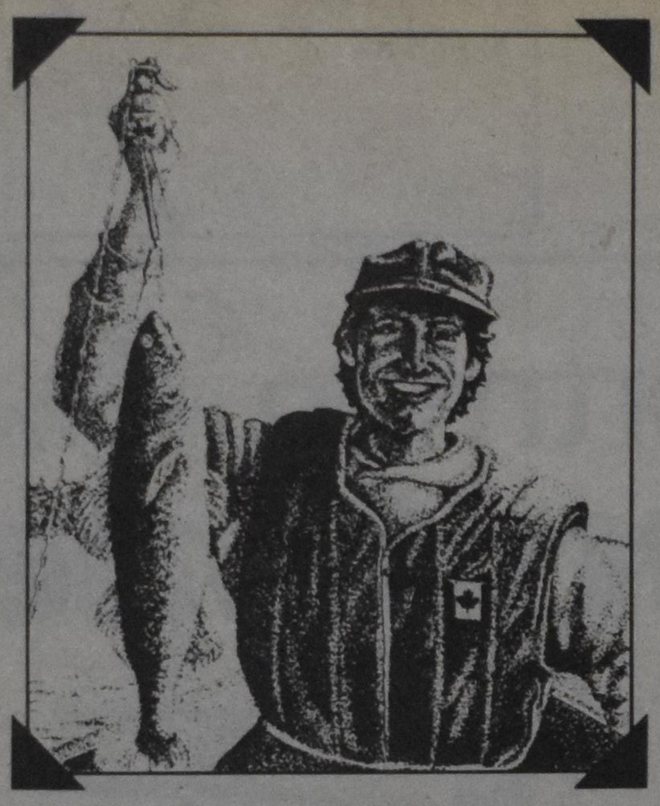
"Weet je Marg," zei moeder Bouw, "Jullie praten soms zo ingewikkeld dat vader en ik moeite hebben jullie te volgen ... ik denk wel eens dat de generation-gap waar ze het tegenwoordig zo vaak over hebben, een generation-oceaan is tussen first en second generation immigrants ... nou meid, heb ik dat nu niet goed gezegd? En nog wel in het engels!"

Marg keek haar schoonmoeder lachend aan.

"Vader moest wat meer van u hebben," zei ze.

"Och," zei moeder Bouw, "Je moet maar zo denken Marg, dat gepraat over die moeilijke computers zat bij vader al in de knop verscholen ... met mijn hulp is zijn intelligentie in zijn zoons herboren. Jammer, dat vader zelf wat stil is blijven staan!"

Herman de Jong woont in Jordan Station, Ontario.



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Een sportvissers vergunning voor inwoners van Ontario de meest solide investering in de toekomst van de vissery van Ontario.

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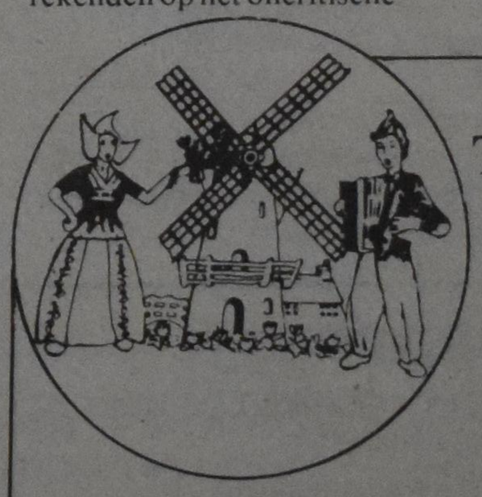

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Syrt Wolters

Iedereen weet zo zachtjes aan wel van het geval van een echtpaar, dat geen kinderen kon krijgen omdat de moeder blijkbaar een afwijking had, waardoor ze kinderloos zou blijven. Contractueel werd afgesproken dat de vrouw van een ander echtpaar bevrucht zou worden met het zaad van die onvruchtbare vrouw's echtgenoot. Het kind dat eventueel, als gevolg van deze bevruchting, zou geboren worden, zou naar het kinderloze echtpaar gaan tegen betaling van een bepaalde som gelds.

Intussen is het kind geboren, maar de vrouw die het kind het leven schonk, heeft spijt van de afspraak en wil het kind zelf houden. De andere partij heeft er een rechtzaak van gemaakt; de rechter heeft nu, in eerste instantie, geoordeeld, dat een contract een contract is en dat de partijen er zich aan moeten houden.

Als je mij nu vraagt, wat ik er van denk, dan is mijn eerste reactie, dat ik niet kan begrijpen dat een echtpaar zo ver kan komen om de medewerking van een ander echtpaar in te roepen om zodoende toch een kind te ontvangen. Ook heb ik moeite te begrijpen, dat het ingeroepen echtpaar er zich voor leent. Klaarblijkelijk is de zucht naar geld één van de drijfveren geweest. Omdat het alles zo onnatuurlijk is, kan ik er in komen, dat de vrouw die het kind onder haar hart gedragen heeft, er geen afstand van wilde doen toen het eenmaal geboren was. Het bloed kruipt nu eenmaal, waar het niet gaan kan.

'k Heb ook grote moeite om de beslissing van die rechter te begrijpen. Is er dan helemaal geen respect meer voor de scheppings-ordonnantie Gods?

In zekere zin heb ik natuurlijk gemakkelijk praten: God heeft mij vergund om vader te zijn van zeven kinderen. Als de Here mij, in mijn huwelijk(en) niet met kinderen gezegend had, zou mijn oordeel dan niet wat milder zijn? Ik kan me niet ten volle indenken wat het betekent geen kinderen te ontvangen, maar toch wel enigszins. Bovendien — zijn we niet in alle dingen gebonden aan de scheppings-ordonnantie van God? Dat kan natuurlijk heel moeilijk worden als we wel de vreugde van het huwelijk ervaren maar niet de vreugde van een gezin.

En is de voortplanting van de mens niet een heilig gegeven van God, wat we niet zomaar mogen verlagen tot een 'paren' als bij dieren?

'k Had zo graag gezien, dat de rechter gezegd had: "Een contract van zulk een strekking kan ik niet als wettig erkennen. Zulk een contract strijdt met elk schriftuurlijk begrip omtrent het wezen van het huwelijk. Daarom: dat contract kan niet erkend worden." Willen de respectieve echtparen samen tot een overeenkomst komen, waardoor het kinderloos echtpaar de vreugde van het ouderschap kan ervaren, dan is er de mogelijkheid van "afstand doen" en van 'adopteren." Die gevallen zijn er wel veel meer.

Maar bij elk besluit zal het belang van het kind in de allereerste plaats overwogen moeten worden. De rechter in dit geval heeft niet de indruk gegeven, dat hij het beste zocht voor het kind; alleen maar: als er een contract is, hoe gek dan ook, moet het als een contract erkend worden.

Wat denk je van die rechterlijke beslissing omtrent dat contract waarbij overeengekomen was de geboorte van een kind bij een surrogaat moeder?

Het is alles, dunkt mij, een sprekend bewijs hoe wij in Noord Amerika afgeweken zijn van de normen van God's wet.

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Syrt Wolters is kapper in Victoria, British Columbia.

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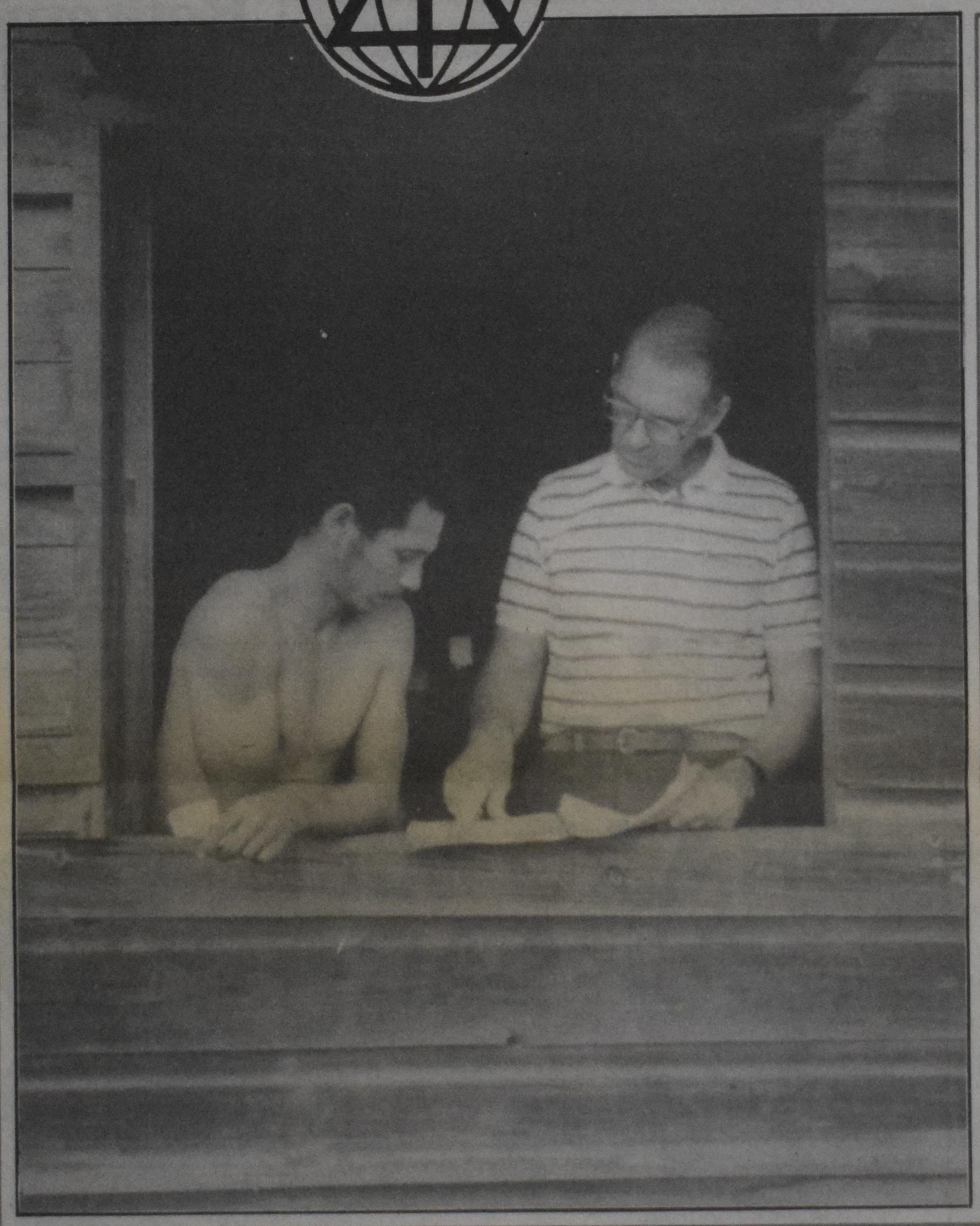

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